

WIRELESS & WIRED ELECTRONIC RESOURCES POLICY

The Ontario City Main Library provides users with wireless network access to the Internet via a customer's own computer. This network connection can be wireless or via jacks in certain places within the Library. The Ontario City Library cannot assure the validity of Internet information, nor can it protect the public from offensive material. Internet access is filtered and requires an Ontario City Library card. All Internet access includes web-based email and chat rooms. FTP is not available.

MONITORS/ASSISTANCE:

Library staff cannot provide detailed help or individual instruction on the use of the Internet or Web sites the customer may be accessing. Library staff members are not equipped to assist patrons using the wireless and wired network. Staff may provide general assistance with Internet research as time and personnel allow.

INTERNET PERMISSION AND ACCESS LEVELS:

- **Full** —Adult Internet access – filters can be turned off by staff at the request of patrons 18 years and older.
- **Limited** —filtered Internet access. The workstations in the Children's Computer Center are filtered and restrict access to inappropriate sites. This software is not effective in blocking all questionable sites, however a monitor is on duty at all times. Parents and guardians may accompany and work with their children in using the Internet.
- **No Internet Access** —allows children to use the computers and CD-ROM programs in the Children's Computer Center, with no access to the Internet.

GUIDELINES:

1. Wireless Internet access is available on a first-come first-served basis, using an Ontario City Library card.
2. The Ontario City Library is not liable for costs incurred through use of fee-based services.
3. Printing is not currently available with wireless Internet access.

MISUSE:

1. Use of a Library Card belonging to another person may result in the loss of Internet privileges for both parties.
2. Materials copied from electronic sources may be subject to copyright laws; responsibility for the consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user, not the Ontario City Library.
3. Patrons shall not access material that is obscene or includes child pornography. Such use may result in loss of Internet privileges.
4. Patrons shall not access material that is harmful to minors if the patron is located in an area where such material may be visible to minors.

AUTHORITY

The Library Director is authorized to make changes to these procedures to provide for the fair and best use of the electronic resources. Changes may be made as needed and without any advance notice.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT

NCIPA Internet Safety Policy:

In accordance with the NCIPA Internet Safety Policy, the Ontario City Library has adopted the following guidelines for Internet access by minors under 18 years of age:

1. Minors shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, child pornography, "harmful to minors," or otherwise inappropriate for educational use.
2. Minors shall not use library resources to engage in "hacking" or attempts to otherwise compromise system security.
3. Minors shall not engage in any illegal activities on the Internet.
4. Minors should use caution in their use of electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, as these forms of communication can expose minors to dangerous situations.
5. Minors should never disclose personal information, such as name, school, address, and telephone numbers to strangers on the Internet.

Minors are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. Any violation of the above library policy and rules may result in loss of library-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

WARNING: The Library is not liable for the consequences of wireless and wired network use in any way, including the transmission of computer viruses, loss of data or e-mail, security breaches of personal/private information, or any harm resulting from the use of an unsecured server. The Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent from or to your laptop can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software, within three hundred feet.