

Internet Use Policy

Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library
Rochester, MA

WIRELESS/INTERNET USE AND AGREEMENT POLICY

To fulfill its mission to provide the people of the Town of Rochester with a center for information, entertainment, education and cultural enrichment, the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library provides access to the Internet because of its value as an educational tool.

The Internet is a vast global network that provides diverse resources but not all sources provide accurate or current information. The Library cannot be held responsible for any information found on the Internet. Patrons must use their own judgment for choosing and evaluating the information they find.

Internet access in all areas of the library is unfiltered and therefore allows access to ideas, information, and images beyond the scope of the Library's collection. The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library staff, the Board of Trustees, and the Town of Rochester are not liable for any negative consequences that may occur as a result of using the Library's Internet connection. Restriction of child's access to library materials and computerized information is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

We expect library users to observe the rules of the library, and that would include rules of etiquette on the Internet.

The library supports the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, and in so doing, seeks to provide service to all segments of the community, including children and young adults, and to fill their diverse needs.

Rules for Internet Use

Users MAY NOT:

- Use the Internet for any illegal purpose
- Use impolite and abusive language
- Violate the rules of Library Behavior
- Change computer files that do not belong to the user
- Send or receive copyrighted material without permission
- Share restricted passwords
- Display pornographic images

Users are reminded that this is a Public Library and caters to the needs of many different age groups and ability levels. We expect users to comply with the guidelines the library sets forth, and to respect the rights of others. **Violation of the above will result in loss of computer privileges.**

Before you can gain access to the Internet, you must:

- If under the age of 10, you must have an adult present, preferably a parent.
- *The library accepts no responsibility for material on the Internet, neither for its content nor accuracy.*
- Sign in at the desk. Signing in means that you agree to the Plumb Library's Internet Policy.
- Users may not load their own software programs on to the library's computers.
- In order to save your work or download material, you must bring in a floppy disk or purchase a disk at the desk and use the disk to save your files. USB Flash Drives may also be used to save your work.
NO MATERIAL MAY BE SAVED TO THE COMPUTER'S HARD DISK.
- The library reserves the right to restrict usage of the Internet and all computers so that all users can get equal access. If others are waiting, (and this includes staff members), users are limited to 30 minutes of time. *Staff members' use of the computer equipment to assist patrons always takes priority.*
- Computers not in use will be shut off 15 minutes prior to closing. Computers in use will be shut off 5 minutes prior to closing.

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