

INTERNET POLICY

Use of the Internet – The Internet is an invaluable resource, but it also contains information that may be inaccurate, outdated, or offensive. Your use of the Internet at the Library carries with it a responsibility to evaluate the information you access and to read and accept the Library’s guidelines for appropriate usage.

Library staff cannot control or be responsible for specific information found on the Internet. Just as libraries do not endorse the viewpoints found in the collections, they do not do so for electronic information. The Beloit Public Library is not responsible for damages, direct or indirect, that arise from a patron’s use of Internet information resources or Internet access.

Rules for Use – The Library Director is authorized to issue rules concerning, but not limited to, such topics as unacceptable behaviors, time limits on the equipment, and suspension of privileges.

In addition to following Library policies, patrons are responsible for obeying all local, state, and federal laws when using the Internet, including but not limited to copyright, fraud, obscenity, and privacy legislation. Use of the Internet to access sites that display sexually explicit or pornographic materials is prohibited.

Privacy & Security – Personal information used on the Internet may be at risk, and communications should not be considered secure. Patrons who are transferring confidential information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, banking information, Social Security numbers, and health data, as examples, are strongly encouraged to safeguard their information.

Patrons using the Library’s wireless network are responsible for their own electronic devices’ security.

Connectivity to the Internet-The Beloit Public Library may manage Internet access to provide equitable access to all Library Internet users. Management of the network may include, but is not limited to: time limits, bandwidth management, and data transmission limits.

Patron Assistance and Instruction – Library staff will provide assistance to patrons using the Library’s electronic devices as time and staff knowledge permit.

Patrons are responsible for knowing how to configure and use their own equipment. Library staff members are permitted to provide general information for electronic devices, but are not responsible for providing technical assistance with electronic devices.

Breach of Policy – Violation of any aspect of this Internet Policy may result in the loss of Library privileges and Internet access. Actions that violate local, state, or federal laws will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. If appropriate, the Library may also pursue criminal prosecution.