

Vilna & District Municipal Library Board Policy Manual

Category: Technology

Policy Number: 701

Title: Computer Availability to the Public

Policy Statement: The library will endeavour to provide a Public Access Computer and Internet Services to the Public. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the limits of its own collection and provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources, from information networks, from around the world, with the library's other resources.

Guidelines and Procedures:

1. All public access computers and the internet provided by the library are available equally to all library patrons and the public. Access will be made on a first-come first-served basis.
2. Availability shall be restricted only by the hours of opening of the library.
3. Recognizing that the internet offers unrestricted and unlimited access to information, the library makes no attempt to monitor, control, or restrict the content and type of material available. The Library will, however, discontinue any patron's access to the computer and internet, if they have been observed accessing or using the internet inappropriately: for example but not limited to: bullying online, gambling, or pornographic sites.
4. The internet is largely an unregulated medium and there is little international, federal, provincial, or municipal control on its users or its content. While it offers a wealth of information that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive. The Library will not be held responsible for content of websites accessed by the public.
5. Not all internet information sources provide accurate, complete, or current information. Patrons need to be careful information consumers and question the validity of such information.
6. Only parents/guardians may restrict the access of their children to internet resources. Parents are required to supervise their child's/children's use of public access computers and the internet. The Library will not be responsible for the supervision of minors on the computer or internet.
7. Use of the public access computers is at the sole risk of the patrons. The Library will not be responsible for damage to a patron's diskette, flash drive, or computer, or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from a patron's use of these computers, whether from computer virus infection or otherwise.
8. Downloading of files, if permitted, shall not contain copyright material.
9. Downloading of files to a printer or diskette/disk/flash drive is permitted.
10. Downloading of any file to the public access computer is not permitted.

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