

## Ashland Public Library Internet Use Policy

The library has a responsibility to provide accurate materials and information presenting all points of view, and supports access to all formats of material to meet the user's informational needs, regardless of the user's age or the content of the material.

All users of electronic information resources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided, and to follow these rules and regulations:

- Using resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes only but not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer systems, by not damaging or altering software components of any network or database; and by not interfering with other's use of public access workstations or the guest Internet access.
- Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software data.
- Not sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene, harassing, or threatening.
- Library staff are available to assist users in their use of our electronic resources; however they cannot provide complete technical support because of the range of various internet applications and devices.
- The guest Internet access is a public network. Users should take adequate precautions by configuring their own device's security settings appropriately.
- **Misuse or abuse of the Library's computers or "aplguest" Wifi will result in suspension of Internet access privileges.** Persons using this equipment, or their own equipment and the Library's Wifi access, agree not to make any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.

For the Children's and Teen Rooms:

- The Ashland Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children.
- It is the Library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children.
- Parents or designated guardians, who wish to limit or restrict the access of their own children, should personally oversee their use of the Internet and other forms of electronic information.

- Minors (age 17 years old or younger - See the [Teen Policy](#) for more information) who visit the library without a parent or guardian are responsible for their own decisions and behaviors.
- Selection policies, which serve to govern a library's purchase of written materials, may not apply to material accessed electronically.

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