Internet Access

The Round Lake Library in the town of Malta offers access to electronic resources as part of its mission to provide services and materials in a variety of formats to meet the information, education and recreation needs of the community. The New York State Department of Education officially encourages libraries to provide access to electronic resources.

The library does not warrant information found on the Internet to be accurate, authoritative, factual, timely, or useful for patron's purposes. The Internet is a global entity that does not fall under the control of governance of any single agency, government, or organization. The availability of networked information via library terminals does not constitute the libraries endorsement of the contents of that information. The library cannot control the accuracy of nor the validity of the information, availability of links, or materials that may find offensive. If any patient believes that information obtained via library terminals isn't accurate or offensive, the patron should contact the original producer or distributor of the information.

It is the library's policy that parents or legal guardians are responsible for deciding what library materials and resources are appropriate for their minor children. Supervision or restriction of a child access to the Internet, as with other library resources, is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. All young persons under the age of 18 must have the signed permission of the parent or guardian to access the Internet. Children aged 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult in order to access the Internet. Parents and guardians must sign the parent/guardian contract portion of the Round Lake Library Internet Policy for children under the age of 18.

All persons using the library access to the Internet must read the Internet access policy and sign the contract portion. Users need to be reasonably sufficient in computer usage as we do not have the resources to offer extensive help.

All users of electronic resources are expected to use these resources in a responsible and ethical manner consistent with the standards and rules of the library and of the community. The library reserves the right to enforce a time allowance of 30 minutes per session. However, patrons may request 60 minutes at the beginning of their session. If no one is waiting, sessions may be extended until such time as another patron requests use of the Internet. Printing will be limited to that which can be completed within the allotted time and may be stopped at the end of that time. There'll be a charge of $.20 per page to defray costs (black and white printing).

Patrons may not use terminals for purposes that are inappropriate, illegal, or criminal, including but not limited to:

- Violation of computer system security
- Unauthorized use of computer accounts or access codes
- Obstruction or disruption of other's work
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Damaging computers, computer systems for computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Viewing material of a generally inappropriate or offensive nature, including sexually explicit materials, is not allowed.   Any patron viewing content inappropriate for a public building will be asked to stop and, if they do not comply, will be asked to leave for the day. If the misuse continues the patron will be banned from using the Internet at the library.

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as legal action.

The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility, including copyright, arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, for any consequences thereof.

This policy maybe revised from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

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