Elkhart Lake Public Library – Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Elkhart Lake Public Library ensures that its patrons have the right and means to free and open access to ideas and information, which are fundamental to a democracy. Elkhart Lake Public Library provides free public internet access, wireless internet access, and computer access to all library users. The Elkhart Lake Public Library Board of Trustees has established this policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Requirements and Guidelines for Use

Library computer users must log on to a library computer with their own Library card or Guest Pass. A library card is not required to connect to Wi-Fi with a personal device. All users agree to abide by the Elkhart Lake Public Library Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

- Wireless access is available in the library and in the park outside the library 24/7
- Limited staff assistance is available.
- Printing charges apply.
- The library reserves the right to set time limits so that all users have an opportunity to access the library's computers and the right to limit the number of users of a single computer.
- Files cannot be saved to library computers. If you would like to save your file you will need to use a USB drive, email, or other online service. All files saved to computers will be removed after the session is ended and cannot be recovered.

Children under the age of 18 must have a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian to use the public internet computers. However, Wi-Fi is still accessible on mobile devices. See below for more information regarding internet access and minors.

Unacceptable Uses

Misuse or abuse of the library computers or internet access will result in suspension of access privileges. Illegal uses of computers or library internet or WiFi may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

Examples of unacceptable uses include:

- Any illegal activity
- Transmitting threatening or harassing materials
- Libeling, slandering, or maliciously offending (including sexually harassing) others, library users, or staff
- Accessing or displaying graphics or other material that is sexually explicit
- Use of sounds or visuals that are disruptive to others
- Disregarding or invading the privacy of others
- Misrepresenting oneself as another user
- Unauthorized copying of copyrighted materials
- Attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others
- Attempting to crash, degrade the performance of, or gain unauthorized access to the Library's computer systems and networks
- Modifying or damaging equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users

- Exposing children to harmful materials in line with applicable Wisconsin & Federal Statutes

Disclaimer

The library does not use filtering software on Library computers or Wi-Fi and is not responsible for the content of the internet. Individuals are responsible for their own appropriate use of the internet at the library. A minor's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian (see below for more information).

The library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its equipment and resources. The Library accepts no liability for loss of privacy or data patrons may experience, or any damage or harm arising from such loss.

Library computers are public, and users should have no expectation of privacy. We are not responsible for privacy practices of any websites accessed by patrons.

Users are responsible for any personal devices that connect to our network or computers. The Library is not responsible for any damage or harm arising from such loss.

The library does not warrant information found on the internet to be accurate, authoritative, factual, timely, or useful for patrons' purposes. If any patron believes that information obtained via library internet is inaccurate or offensive, the patron should contact the original producer or distributor of the information.

Children Under the Age of 18

Children under the age of 18 must have a permission slip signed by parent/guardian to use the library's public computers and internet. However, Wi-Fi is still accessible on mobile devices at the library.

The Elkhart Lake Public Library offers connections to the internet through public computers and WiFi. Under Wisconsin law, the library cannot deny access to any of the materials and information available and accessible through the library, some of which may contain subject matter which you may deem unsuitable for a minor. The obligation to supervise, monitor, or control the minor's access to and use of any and all materials and information, including that found through the internet, is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The Elkhart Lake Public Library supports the right for each family to decide what the appropriate use is for their children. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the internet rests with parents and guardians.