

Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library

Computer and Internet Use

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Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library provides access to a broad range of information resources, including those available through the Internet. The Internet is a global electronic network that maintains no regulatory control of its users or content. The Library has no control over the content of these resources. Users should be aware that not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, current or reliable information. Internet users are responsible for the web sites they access and use the Internet at their own risk. The Library does not guarantee privacy of any Internet sessions, nor is it responsible for the security of information transmitted and received during any Internet sessions. Any injury or damages incurred by users of Library Internet stations or the Library's connection to the Internet are the sole responsibility of the user.

Library staff is trained to offer expert assistance in navigating the Internet and in evaluating Internet resources. Users are encouraged to ask staff for recommendations and guidance on finding and using authoritative websites.

As with all materials in the Library, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian; the Library does not act in place of the parent. Parents and guardians assume full and complete responsibility for their child/children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection. Users are encouraged to ask staff for information and advice regarding resources for children's Internet use.

The Library provides wireless access to users who provide their own equipment with properly supportive wi-fi cards. However, there is no guarantee of privacy for any communications sent or received utilizing the Library's wireless access connections.

The Library reserves the right to monitor Internet use to ensure compliance with all Library policies and may terminate any Internet session if it is believed that a patron is in violation of such policies.

Unacceptable uses of the library's telecommunications technologies include:

- Violating any federal, state, or local law or ordinance that in any way involves contact with or use of the Library's telecommunications technologies;
- Transmitting or receiving obscenity to or from any email account, website, newsgroup, mailing list, or similar forum;
- Accessing, viewing, downloading, storing or printing files, graphics or messages (including still or moving pictures) or sound files which are obscene or constitute "Objectionable Material" as defined in this policy and/or Section 11-21 of the Illinois Criminal Code or transmitting such materials to any forum or recipient where the said materials are accessible by others;
- Harassment by computer, which includes transmitting any material which is threatening to another person, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person or threaten any illegal or immoral act, whether or not such material is transmitted to that third person;
- Copying proprietary information, including software, in violation of applicable law, including in violation of any applicable copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right.
- Knowingly or negligently transmitting computer viruses onto the library's computer system, or to any other person's or entity's computer system;
- Deliberately trying to degrade or disrupt system performance, commonly known as a denial of service attack (such acts may also be viewed as criminal activity under applicable state or federal law);
- Hacking into any computer system.

Penalty:

In addition to other sanctions described elsewhere in this Policy, patrons who make illegal or unacceptable uses of the Library's telecommunications technologies may be banned from using the Library's computers, networks, and Internet resources. (See the Rules of Behavior Policy).

Illegal acts involving Library computer stations and Internet use may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. Indication or evidence of possible illegal activity may be reported to law enforcement authorities by the Library Director, and such communication may also be used as evidence in any criminal investigations and/or prosecutions.