

its publicity, that the Library sponsors or endorses the meeting, the group, or any particular set of ideas. Groups shall include the following disclaimer statement on any publicity for events that will be held at the Rhinelander District Library:

The use of the Rhinelander District Library facilities or meeting rooms by any group or organization in no way constitutes endorsement of the policies or beliefs of that organization by the Library.

Above Section Revised and Approved by the RDL Board of Trustees January 15, 2012

Internet Access Policy

PATRON POLICY

Purpose

This policy has been written to maximize accessibility to electronic and on-line resources, and to insure fair availability for all. In making use of the library Internet computers, our patrons confirm that they have read, understand and agree to follow this Internet access policy, including all rules, procedures and guidelines.

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Rhinelander District Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the multicultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of Rhinelander District communities. It is within this context that the Library offers access to the Internet. All Internet resources available in the library shall be provided to any patron wishing to access the Internet, with the exceptions that patrons may not use staff computers or when a patron's behavior requires the library to deny access.

Assistance

Library staff is available to assist you in your use of these resources, but will not be familiar with every application you might wish to use. Due to scheduling constraints, there may not be an Internet trained librarian on duty at all times. Because of the many different Internet applications available, we can't provide complete technical support. It is not possible for staff to offer extensive explanations about the Internet or personal computer use or provide in-depth training. Time permitting, staff will attempt to answer specific questions about the Internet and offer suggestions for effective searching.

Content

The Rhinelander District Library does not censor access to materials or attempt to protect patrons from information they may find offensive. The Internet is a forum for many people and cultures, not controlled by any single authority. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content, timeliness or accuracy. There is material and information that patrons may personally find controversial or inappropriate.

The Rhinelander Board of Trustees and employees of Rhinelander District Library assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from the use of Internet workstations.

PATRON POLICIES

Validity of information

As with other library resources, providing access to electronic information implies neither sponsorship nor endorsement by the library. Patrons need to be a good information consumer, questioning the validity of the information you find.

Who may use the Internet

The Library's Internet computers are available to any adult and, children with a parent's consent. Staff may restrict a patron's use of the Internet if it interferes with other patron's access to the Internet (see Problem Patrons section).

Use by children

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources. Because the Internet can access information inappropriate for children, all patrons under the age of 18 must have parental permission to use the Internet.

Computer Use Guidelines

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. By using a public Internet workstation at Rhinelander District Library you agree to follow these guidelines:

1. Patrons under the age of 18 must have signed parental permission before using Internet resources.
2. Internet stations in the children's department are specifically reserved for use by those under the age of 14. Parents may use the downstairs Internet stations if accompanied by their child.
3. The library may set time limits so that all patrons seeking access will have an appropriate opportunity.
4. If computer use creates an atmosphere inappropriate for a public library setting we will ask the user to desist (see Problem Patrons section).
5. Misuse or abuse of library computers or Internet access may result in suspension of Internet and computer access privileges.
6. If damage results from a patron's misuse or abuse of library computers the patron will be required to pay for any repairs or replacement.
7. No more than 2 persons may use the Internet computer at one time without special permission. The second person must have the consent of the person whose time was originally scheduled. Permission for more than 2 persons at the computer may be given by library staff for reasons such as family groups or school projects.
8. Patrons will be charged for the use of the printer. Price per page will be determined by cost to the library.

9. Respecting individual users' right to privacy, the library staff will not monitor or supervise Internet access, other than for length of use and restricted access to the computers.
10. Internet resource users should respect the privacy of others using public access computers.
11. Users must refrain from sending, receiving, or displaying, text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene. If done in the presence of a minor, such action may be a criminal offense under Wisconsin's harmful to minors law (Wis. Stat. 948.11) In addition to criminal prosecution, the patron may be subject to other penalties, including the loss of all library privileges.
12. Users must refrain from the display of threatening, harassing or abusive language and images.