

Ontario Public Library

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PUBLIC USE OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS, NETWORK, WI-FI INCLUDING INTERNET

The goal of the Ontario Public Library is to be the lifelong learning center of its community. In support of this goal, the Ontario Public Library offers community access to the Internet. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collections.

The Internet is not a secure medium and all transactions, files, and communications may be subject to unauthorized access by third parties. The Library does not retrieve any information; including websites visited, passwords, credit card numbers, or any other information a visitor has entered. Public computers are programmed to erase all customer-use records, except those essential for Library business operations.

As a member of the OWWL Library System (OWWL), Ontario Public Library is compliant with OWWL's Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy, which includes Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

To maximize the availability of this service for all potential users, all patrons must follow these procedures and guidelines:

- In offering Internet access, the Ontario Public Library cannot guarantee that information found through the Internet is accurate, authoritative, or factual. We cannot be held responsible for its content. Nor can the Library control access points that often change rapidly and unpredictably.
- All Internet and computer users must use their own public Library card valid for use at the Ontario Public Library. Guest Passes are available for those without a Library card.
- Internet access is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Unless staff approval has been given, there is a maximum of two people at a computer at a time.
- The Library staff's availability to help users with basic computer use or with Internet access is limited. If necessary, scheduled technical help is available.
- Anything downloaded to or saved on the hard drive is temporary, and the Library is not responsible for any loss of data that may occur. Public computers are restored to default settings after users log out.
- Users will be charged for printing.

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- Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children's use of the Internet.
- Free Wi-Fi is available to all. OWWL will control access to the Wi-Fi network by a splash page that will communicate patron terms of use.
 - The Library assumes no responsibility for any alterations or interference with a device's configuration, operation, or data files resulting from connection to the wireless network. Due to insurance limitations and warranties, Library staff members cannot configure patrons' devices.
- The computer may be used for legal purposes only. Unacceptable purposes include but are not limited to the following:
 - Destruction or damage to the equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library
 - Unauthorized copying of copyright protected material
 - Violation of computer security
 - Violation of software license agreements
 - Violation of user privacy
 - Viewing of obscene, pornographic, or otherwise inappropriate material
 - Using the Internet for any illegal activity, criminal purposes, or violating any federal, state or local law (e.g. copyright, child pornography, etc.)
- Misuse or abuse of the computer or Internet access may result in suspension of Internet and/or Library privileges. The Library has the right to revoke Internet privileges for any violation of the acceptable use policy. In accepting this policy, users agree to abide by all Library policies.