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Purpose

The Wasaga Beach Public Library provides access to technology and the Internet to foster the community's educational, cultural, recreational, literacy and information needs. The Library Board endorses the use of the Internet as a source of information to complement traditional library collections and as a communication tool, connecting individuals and communities. This policy establishes the provision of gaming devices, public computers and network services to access the Internet, acceptable use of these services by users, staff responsibilities, and consequences of inappropriate behaviour or illegal activity by users.

Definition

Gaming systems includes hardware, software, applications and all associated components of gaming supplies and technology. Examples may include hardware and services produced by Nintendo, Sega, Microsoft, and others.

The **Internet** is a worldwide interconnected network of computers that allows the sharing or networking of information at remote sites from academic institutions, research institutes, private companies, government agencies and individuals.

Policy

Public computer and wireless access are provided to ensure equitable access to information and online resources. Computers are part of the services offered by the library and may be used for word processing, catalogue searching, job searching or accessing the Internet. The Internet is an unregulated, unfiltered medium. Not all of the information available via the Internet is accurate, current, or complete and the Library assumes no responsibility for Internet content.

Access to the Public Computers and the Internet

1. The Library provides members of the public with access to computers and the Internet free of charge.
2. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for monitoring and supervising their child's use of Library technology and/or the Internet. The Library accepts no responsibility for enforcing restrictions which a parent or guardian places on a



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child's use of the technology and/or the Internet.

3. To ensure equitable access to the public computers and the network, and efficient use of resources, the Library reserves the right to set time limits on the library's public computers.

Acceptable Use of Technology in the Library

1. The Library's public computers and wireless network are in public areas shared by Library users of all ages, backgrounds, and sensibilities. Individuals are expected to be considerate of other Library users when using Library computers or tablets, or their own devices in the Library, including appropriate volume and content of material as well appropriate viewing and listening behaviour.
2. Users should respect the privacy of other library patrons; however, library staff cannot guarantee privacy at the Library workstations or when using personal devices on the wireless network.
3. The Library prohibits use of its computer equipment and network for illegal purposes. Access to the Internet shall not be used to access, post, or transmit unlawful, threatening, abusive, libelous, defamatory, obscene, or pornographic material.
4. Users may not modify or willfully damage the Library's computer equipment, software, or network.
5. Users of the public network may not violate or circumvent copyright and other intellectual property rights and liability for infringement rests with the user.
6. Users assume total responsibility and risk for access to and use of the Library's equipment, network, and Internet service. The Library assumes no liability for claims of loss from use of Library computers or devices, the Library's Internet service and/or the Library's network.
7. Failure to comply with this Policy may result in loss of computer and Internet access and possible banning from the Library. Unlawful activities may result in prosecution.

Access to Gaming Systems

1. The library may choose to provide access to gaming systems for use by members of the public and library cardholders.



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2. All users must adhere to the Library's Code of Conduct, the Library's Internet Services and Technology Policy, and the rules established for the use of the gaming system(s).
3. Only library purchased and approved gaming systems are permitted. No outside gaming hardware is to be plugged into any of the library's devices or network.

Library Responsibilities

1. The Library is committed to protecting the privacy of its computer users. On public computers all documents created, Internet search histories, temporary files, cache, and certificates are purged upon closing of the browsers and/or daily rebooting of the computers.
2. Library computers are equipped with anti-virus software. However, the Library does not take responsibility for the configuration, security or files on personal devices resulting from connection to the Library's wireless network. The Library's wireless access points are unsecured connections to the Internet. The Library Board assumes no responsibility for the security and privacy of online transactions and is not responsible for any damage sustained while using a personal device.
3. The Library may provide reasonable assistance to patrons and members of the public on various technology device issues. Assistance may be provided on Library devices or on the individual's device. All assistance is provided within the scope of the staff or volunteer's capability. The Library does not guarantee resolution of issues. Assistance can be withdrawn or denied if staff or volunteers feel uncomfortable, or if the request goes beyond their scope of knowledge.
4. Concerns and feedback will be directed to the Library CEO for follow-up as required.

Related materials/policies

Library Code of Conduct

Policy History

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