

Lodi Memorial Library Internet Use Policy

Lodi Memorial Library provides free public access to the internet as part of its mission. Since internet content is not supervised or reviewed, individuals must accept responsibility for evaluating content: the Library cannot be held responsible for this content. The Library supports the right to privacy and confidentiality of Library users in accordance with New Jersey law and as outlined in our Patron Privacy Policy. As with other library materials, the Library affirms the responsibility of parents or guardians to guide their children's use of the internet.

The Library offers free wireless internet access for the convenience of patrons who wish to use their personal devices to access the internet. The WiFi connection is over an unsecured network with no firewall in place, and a password, obtainable from the Information Desk, is required. Illegal use of this network is prohibited. Anyone using this network for illegal purposes will be required to leave the Library immediately and may be subject to criminal or civil penalties.

Neither the Lodi Memorial Library Board of Trustees, nor the library staff, nor the Borough of Lodi is liable for any negative consequences for users that may occur as a result of using the Library's internet access. The Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's storage or personal electronic devices, or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from use of the library's computers, WiFi network or computer software. Users agree not to alter the Library computers setup, and will be held fiscally responsible for any damage to Library computers which they or their children cause.

The Library will not restrict or attempt to censor access to websites, except the gaming computers in the children's area which have no access to the internet.

Staff will assist patrons with internet use and computer questions as time and experience permits. However, we are unable to assist patrons with questions concerning the use of their personal computers.

Internet access is available through a first come/first served registration system requiring a BCCLS library card or guest pass obtainable at the front desk. If patrons are waiting, use will be limited to 30 minutes per person, renewable up to a maximum of 3 hours of public computer use per day. Use of Library computers indicates that the patron agrees to follow the Library's

Internet Use Policy. Library business will take precedence over patron use for computer use and maintenance.

Users may not download materials to the computer's hard drive. Patrons may download to their disk or flash drive, or they may borrow a flash drive for in-library use. Computer session information and files are automatically deleted at the end of each session. Users may not install software on library computers. Users must wear headphones or mute the volume on their computer.

In accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations, patrons are not permitted to use computers for any illegal or criminal purpose, including but not limited to, accessing obscene materials, harassment or stalking, unauthorized access to computer systems, or in any manner disruptive of other people's work. All rules of copyright and personal property must be honored. Information in the form of text, graphics, music, video, software, and other media that is retrieved or utilized electronically should be considered constitutionally protected. Library resources may not be used to conduct or advertise a private business.

The Library's public computers are located in a public space and patrons of all ages and sensibilities can easily view screens. Display or transmission of sexually explicit graphics or materials that are violent, obscene, pornographic or harmful to minors is strictly prohibited in the Library. Staff reserves the right to request that a patron exit a website if the staff member judges the material to be inappropriate for public viewing. Child pornography is illegal and will immediately result in police intervention.

Any reported complaints of illegal activity or violation of the Library's Internet Use Policy may result in a computer station shut-down, suspension of Library privileges and referral to appropriate authorities. Individuals must log off promptly when asked to do so by Library Staff. Incidents will be documented and reported to the Library Director. Any illegal activities, harassment, destructive behavior or vandalism may result in police action as well as suspension of Library privileges.

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