Walnut Public Library Internet Policy

The Walnut Public Library offers Internet services to the community. The Internet is a global and electronic network, the Walnut Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Internet and its available resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The Library will not censor access to material, and is not responsible for the availability or accuracy of information accessed from remote network sites. The library stands by its policy that material selection is an individual matter and parents and legal guardians of minors assume responsibility for determining what is appropriate.

The following rules govern the access of the Internet from the Library:

1. Internet communications shall be considered private and confidentiality will be encouraged within the limits of a public environment, the technology of equipment and the requirements of law. The internet is not a secure private environment and internet use is done at one’s own risk.
2. The Library does offer a wireless connection to the Internet for users with their own computer and wireless devices. Library staff can offer basic information for using the wireless connection, but cannot help with any changes to the user’s personal computer.
3. If the Internet user chooses to save or download files, it must be to a personal portable drive. The Library is not responsible for any damage to personal portable drives. Downloading and/or saving files/programs to the hard drive is not permitted on the public access computers. Although the Library uses a virus protection program on the Library’s computers, this will not completely protect from the chance of getting a virus. Software downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus.
4. It is each patron’s responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal laws—including, but not limited to those concerning copyright, fraud, privacy, or obscenity.
5. It is against the law for anyone under the age of 21 to access inappropriate matter on the internet.
6. The Library does not offer personal electronic mail (e-mail) accounts. Personal e-mail accounts can be set up through Internet e-mail sites such as hotmail.com, yahoo.com, or gmail.com.
7. As in the case with other materials in the Library’s collection, any restriction of a child’s access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The Walnut Public Library cannot act as a censor or substitute parent. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide the oversight to ensure their children’s use of the Internet in an appropriate and safe manner, including the proper use of the expensive computer equipment.
8. Internet access is available during normal Library hours except at times of normal or emergency maintenance or if programming within the Library restricts use of the public access computers.
9. Violations of these rules, or any Library Policy, may lead to the suspension of revocation of Internet access through the Library.
Electronic Equipment Internet Access and Wireless Policy

The Walnut Public Library provides electronic equipment internet access and wireless Internet access throughout the building.

1. Users must comply with the Library’s Computer and Internet policy when using the library’s electronic equipment internet access and wireless access.
2. The Library’s wireless network is not secure and information sent from or to your electronic equipment can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software.
3. Library staff cannot provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be provided that you will be able to make a wireless connection.
4. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for equipment configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library’s network or the use of other facilities in the Library.

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