

## **Library Policies - Internet Use Policy**

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The internet is not controlled by the Prospect Heights Public Library District ("the library"), but is a global entity that constantly grows and changes. As such, it provides access to a wide variety of information. Some of this information may be erroneous, out-of-date, illegal, or deemed offensive, controversial, or sexually explicit.

It is not possible for the library to review and protect patrons from all such information; therefore, patrons must exercise their responsibility as discriminating information consumers by constantly questioning the validity and appropriateness of the information they find. As with other types of library materials, it is the parent's responsibility to decide which Internet information is appropriate for his/her children.

The library has no obligation to monitor the information presented on the Internet; however, patrons using the Internet agree that the library has the right to monitor Internet usage from time to time and to disclose any information necessary to satisfy any law, regulation, other government request, or operational necessity.

Patrons should have no expectation of privacy while on the Internet. The library reserves the right to refuse to post or to remove any information or materials, in whole or in part, that, in its sole discretion, are unacceptable or in violation of its policies.

By accessing the Internet through the library, patrons agree that the library will not be responsible for any indirect, consequential, special, or punitive damages or losses which may arise in connection with their use of the Internet.

Patron use of the Internet through the library shall be governed and construed exclusively according to the laws and regulations of the state of Illinois.

By using the internet through the library, patrons agree not to use the Internet for any illegal activity or to post or transmit any unlawful, threatening, abusive information including, without limitation, any transmission constituting or encouraging conduct that would constitute a criminal offense or give rise to civil liability. Patrons also agree not to violate copyright laws or to post or transmit any information or software which contains a virus, worm or other harmful component. Patrons also agree not to view any material of an adult nature.

Failure to comply with these policies may result in suspension of computer privileges at the library.

## Wireless Internet Usage Agreement

The Prospect Heights Public Library District (“the Library”) offers free Internet access to our patrons through a wireless network (“Wi-Fi”). Library patrons with a laptop, smart phone, tablet, or other Wi-Fi compatible mobile device can access the wireless network at the Library. **If you access the Library’s Wi-Fi, you are implicitly agreeing to all of the following terms and conditions of this Wireless Internet Usage Agreement.**

1. Your use of the Wi-Fi service and any activities conducted online through the service shall not violate any applicable law or regulation, or the rights of the Library.
2. You agree to comply with all provisions of the current Prospect Heights Public Library District Internet Use Policy.
3. The Library’s wireless network is unencrypted and unfiltered. Your use of the wireless network is exclusively at your own risk.
4. By using this connection you acknowledge that security errors and hacking are an inherent risk associated with any wireless service. For that reason, you expressly agree that you knowingly assume such a risk, and you further to agree to hold the Library entirely harmless from any claim or loss arising out of or related to any such event of hacking or other unauthorized use or access into your device.
5. The Library accepts no responsibility for any software downloaded and/or installed; programs or emails opened; or sites accessed while patrons are on the Wi-Fi network. Any damage done to your equipment from viruses, spyware, or other internet-borne programs is your sole responsibility and you hold the Library entirely harmless from any such damage.
6. The Library accepts no responsibility with respect to the capability of your equipment to connect to the wireless network. Library staff will **not** change settings on patron’s devices.