SUBJECT: PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

I. PURPOSE

The Naperville Public Library (NPL) offers public access computers and other technology as a source of information and recreation. The purpose of this policy is to set the conditions under which customers may utilize the library’s public access computers and other technology.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all public access computers.

III. PROVISIONS

A. Public Access Computers and Mobile Devices

NPL provides computer access to catalogs, databases, and the Internet to all customers as well as access to computers with specialty software and scanners. We may also provide access to internet via mobile devices.

Library users have access to computers with filtered Internet access as well as mobile devices with no Internet filtering in the Children’s Services Departments. Filtered Internet access may not block all material that users might find offensive. Parents may wish to supervise their children’s Internet sessions. Children under the age of 8 must have a parent/guardian present at all times while using the Internet. (Policy 311 – Unattended Children).

B. Public Access Computer and Mobile Device Rules and Regulations

The library provides access to computers, printers, mobile devices and other technology that may be used only for designated and legal purposes. Illegal or prohibited acts may include but are not limited to: unauthorized copyright use, viewing or producing obscene material or viewing or producing sexually explicit material resulting in complaints from other patrons or staff, falsification of documents, producing content or objects in violation of a person’s intellectual property rights, producing objects that could be construed as weapons, violating software licenses, damaging or attempting to damage library equipment/software/software configurations, compromising system security, impacting network performance, libeling, slandering, misrepresentation, solicitation, and harassment.

Use of personal licensed software on public access computers is limited to computers in the Adult and Teen Computer Labs. Any personal software requiring a reboot of the computer cannot be used on any library computer. Installation, configuration and use of personal software...
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are the user’s responsibility. The library is not responsible for any problems that may occur with personal software and hardware when using library computers.

Illegal/prohibited use of the public access computers or failure to follow the terms of this policy may result in suspension of computer privileges, being required to leave the premises, having library privileges limited or suspended, and/or appropriate legal or disciplinary action. Illegal acts may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

As in any area of the library, customers are expected to follow the provisions of General Rules of Conduct (Policy No. 310) while using public access computers.

C. Disclaimer

The Internet provides a gateway to the world of information that can enhance the library’s collections. The vast network of Internet sites may reveal inaccurate, misleading or controversial material. The library neither controls nor monitors Internet sites and cannot be responsible for their content.