

## Internet Use Policy

In our data rich, global community, the Internet provides a powerful tool that delivers information to vast numbers of people – a truly amazing asset.

Because the Internet is an ungoverned, unregulated, and unvetted source of information, however, libraries cannot control the content of what gets posted on it. That said, Rogers Free Library in keeping with its mission provides an opportunity to members of our community to access the Internet (free of charge) in conformity with their beliefs, values, and needs.

While Rogers Free Library provides this access to the Internet and other electronic resources for all library users (including children), patrons are advised, as with all library materials, to exercise judgment and discretion when evaluating the usefulness and reliability of information found on the Internet.

As with other library materials, parents/legal guardians are responsible for the Internet information accessed or selected by their (minor) children.

All public use computers are equipped with filters. Access to child pornography is prohibited by law. Staff will aggressively intervene when they observe inappropriate behavior or it is brought to their attention. Repeat offenders may be expelled from the library and barred from further use of the computers.

To access the Internet, patrons must use a valid borrower's card that is clear of fines and/or fees. Use is limited to 2 hours with a one-hour extension allowed. A limited number of guest passes are available as a courtesy for those lacking a library card.

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