

North Greenbush Public Library

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Policy

North Greenbush Public Library provides access to the Internet at public access computers in the library to support its mission to help connect patrons to the online world of information and ideas. The library also offers free wireless Internet access within the library. Patrons who use the library's computers or wireless network to access the Internet must abide by state and federal laws, particularly those ensuring the safety of minors, and follow the policies of the library.

Computer Use Guidelines

- Use of the computers is on a first-come, first-served basis. If all workstations are in use, we ask that patrons be considerate of other patrons Internet access needs.
- The library staff reserves the right to implement a time limitation on computer usage should the need arise. Users need to log off the library's computers 15 minutes before the library closes.
- Library staff will offer basic computer use assistance.
- Patrons may not alter, remove, copy or otherwise damage software or hardware on library computers
- Files downloaded to the library computer hard drive will be deleted after logging off. Patrons who wish to save their work must provide their own digital storage device.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's use of the Internet. Any restriction of a child's access is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, not the library staff.
- Library computers may not be used to attempt to gain unauthorized access to any data, computer or network.
- The library does not permit violation of any US or state law or regulation including, but not restricted to, acts of a threatening, harassing or obscene nature. Patrons must respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.

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- Violation of computer use policies may result in loss of computer and/or library privileges.

Due to the constantly changing nature of the Internet, the North Greenbush Public Library has no control over the information available or its quality, accuracy, or currency. The Library assumes no responsibility for the content of Internet sites and does not filter access to materials or protect users from materials they may find offensive. Each individual should determine the appropriateness of the material for his/her own needs. Library patrons use electronic resources at their own risk.

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