

RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPUTER & INTERNET USE POLICY

General Guidelines:

The Internet, wireless network, and computers at the River Rouge Public Library are for educational, recreational, cultural and informational use.

Instructions will be provided, but staff assistance may be limited.

The Library has books available so that users can learn more about computers and the Internet.

Library staff cannot control the availability of information on the Internet, which often changes rapidly and unpredictably. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information.

Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of what they see and read.

Users are advised that computers and the wireless network do not allow for secure access. All transactions are vulnerable and should be considered public.

Users agree to pay for all printouts coming from their assigned computer, even if they do not claim the printouts.

Users agree not to access materials that are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting.

Users agree to abide by all rules and guidelines listed on the separate handout, River Rouge Public Library Computer & Internet Use Rules.

The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of the Internet.

The River Rouge Public Library Computer & Internet Use Policy has been established in compliance with Public Act 212 of 2000.

Computers are NOT to be used for the following:

Viewing of **unethical, obscene, illegal or pornographic** materials

Harassment, libeling or slandering of others

Hacking or spamming

Destruction or damage to data

Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications

Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials

Solicitation of minors

Any inappropriate contact or interaction with persons, programs or other entities

Altering, removing, or damaging computer hardware, software or settings/configurations

Anything that could violate local, state or federal laws

Violating the law will subject the user to criminal prosecution.

Use of Computers by Minors:

Children under the age of 12 years old may use Internet work station with filter but the responsibility for children's access to the Internet is the sole responsibility of their parents or legal guardians.

All Internet users age 12 through 17 years old must have a valid Parent/Guardian consent form on file at this Library. No more than 2 persons may use an Internet work station. All of the computers available for children are filtered according to the state requirement.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to fully discuss the Library's policies concerning the Internet with their child. Failure of the minor to follow the Library's Internet Policy will result in the loss of Internet privileges.

Wireless Network:

Use of the Library's wireless access points constitutes of this Internet Policy. It is open to patron of all ages. The Library provides **NO** filtering or virus protection on its wireless Internet access point for patrons.

Violation of this agreement results in the following consequences:

For all offenses, notations will be made on the user's library record.

First offense: User will be asked to leave the computer for that day.

Second offense: User's computer privileges will be suspended for a period of one week.

Third offense: User's computer privileges will be suspended for a period of one month.

Fourth (final) offense: User's computer privileges will be suspended indefinitely. User must petition the library board to determine if privileges may be reinstated, and/or any conditions for reinstatement.

Severity of the violation may force library staff to immediately apply penalty for fourth offense.

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The Signatory specifically releases, holds harmless and indemnifies the City, Library and their respective officials, employees and representatives from any and all liability, claims and damages resulting directly or indirectly from the use of the Library's Internet computers by the user named below.

This signed policy represents an acknowledgement by the individual(s) signing below that she/he has read, understands and agrees to abide by the River Rouge Public Library Computer & Internet Use Policy.

This policy may be changed or updated at any time and without advance notice. Users are responsible for adhering to the guidelines in the most current version of the River Rouge Public Library's Computer & Internet Use Policy.

The policy is good for the life of a library record for users with a library card in The Library Network shared system. For users without a card from The Library Network, this policy expires one year from the date it is filled out.

All users:

Computer User's Printed Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Computer User's Library Card Number: _____

Computer User's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If user is under 18 years of age:

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If user does not have a card from a TLN library:

License or State ID Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____