



XXI. Internet Use

The Vaughn Library Board of Trustees expects all use of electronic information resources such as the Internet will be responsible and consistent with the purpose for which these resources are provided. This includes:

1. Using resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes only: Not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
2. Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
3. Further respecting the privacy of others using public access stations at the Vaughn Public Library by not interfering with their use.
4. Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software data.
5. Not making unauthorized changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.

The Vaughn Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or caregiver to determine what is appropriate. Selection policies, which serve to govern the library's purchase of materials, cannot apply to material accessed electronically.

Possession of a Merlin library card is necessary to use the public access computers. Internet access will not be permitted if an individual has library fines in excess of \$20.00. Library computer users must read and accept this Internet Use Policy. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult when using the Internet.

Guest cards may be issued as a temporary means to access the Internet and computer workstations for users who do not have a Merlin library card. Criteria to use a guest card are: traveling through Ashland, visiting a person in the community, emergency situations.....Guest cards are not issued as a means to circumvent Internet Use Policy, Non Wisconsin Resident Policy or Circulation Policy.

While respecting individual users' right to privacy, library staff reserves the right to monitor use of Internet workstations to ensure compliance with this policy. Staff may ask users to remove themselves from library equipment if behavior in conflict to this policy is observed. Misuse of library computers or Internet access may result in suspension of library computer use.

Printing

Library computers are networked to a photocopy machine with capabilities to print, fax and scan to email accounts. The cost for printing is \$.20/page, faxing \$.50/page. Failure to pay for printing will result in the loss of computer privileges.