

INTERNET POLICY

Thorp Public Library adheres to the principle of free and open access of its entire collection without any restriction based on age.

Users of electronic information resources such as the Internet (including wireless internet used on personal mobile devices – see Wireless Internet Policy) are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided and to follow Thorp Public Library rules and regulations. Misuse or abuse of computer or Internet access will result in suspension or loss of privileges.

Responsibility for the reading materials of minors rests with either their parents or legal guardians. Patrons under the age of 18 must have parental permission to use the Internet. Consent forms are available at the circulation desk.

Thorp Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. Thorp Public Library assumes no responsibility for the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail. Thorp Public Library attempts to monitor computer use but it is the responsibility of parents, guardians or caregivers to monitor their children.

Patrons must respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user or attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others. Patrons must not seek access to any computer system, or damage or alter software components for any network or database. Patrons agree to not make any changes to the configuration of the computer software or hardware or to the Internet setup. Violators will be denied privileges and will face prosecution.

Patrons may make only authorized print copies of copyrighted or licensed data (0.25 per black/white copy). Any disks, flash drives or CD's from outside sources that are used on public computers must be uncorrupt and free of viruses. Patrons may not download software or data to the computer hard drive from outside sources.

Patrons may not view, send, receive or display text or graphics that may be construed as obscene and/or harmful, including on a personal mobile device. (Under Wis. Statute 948.11) A violation of this rule will result in one warning. A second violation will result in a permanent ban on all types of computer usage.

Patrons may not disclose, disseminate or use personal identification information of a minor over the Internet. Violators will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and will be prohibited from further use of the library computers.

Use of the library or internet may be denied for due cause. Such cause may be failure to return library materials or to pay penalties, destruction of property, disturbance of property, disturbance of other patrons or any other disruptive or objectionable conduct on library premises.

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WIRELESS INTERNET POLICY

The Thorp Public Library provides free wireless internet access throughout the building via an open, unsecured wireless network. Library staff does not provide technical assistance with wireless access, and will not under any circumstances make changes to the configuration of a privately owned wireless device.

Wireless internet will be available 24 hours/7 days a week.

No guarantee is provided that a wireless device will be able to make a successful connection.

The use of wireless internet in the library is governed by the Library's Internet Policy.

It is strongly recommended that you do not use such a network to transmit personal, financial or legal data. It is not possible for the Library to protect you against malicious theft or interception of such data transmitted over our network.

The Library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. The Library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a privately owned wireless device from the use of data downloaded from the Library's wireless internet services.

The Library does not supply or loan network cards, laptop computers or any other computer accessory that might be required for accessing wireless internet.

Individual users will be responsible for all costs associated with purchase, installation, operation, and support of wireless adapters in personal computers or any wireless device.

Any attempt to break into or gain unauthorized access to any computers or systems from a wireless connection is prohibited. Any effort to circumvent the security systems designed to prevent unauthorized access to the Library's wireless network may result in suspension of all access.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the Library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Users are expected to abide by the policies above, as well as the Thorp Public Library Internet Policy. Unacceptable use of the service will result in the suspension of all Internet use privileges.

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