



Internet Access Policy

Statement of Purpose

The Perth East Public Library regards the Internet in the same way as its other information resources in accordance with its mission of serving Perth East's needs for information, lifelong learning, and leisure pursuits. The PEPL also supports the Canadian Library Association's Position Statement on Internet Access ([Appendix A](#)).

Access

1. The library provides members of the public with Internet access through the library's networked desktop computers and laptops as well as through the library's wireless network which can be used with personal mobile devices.
2. Wired and/or wireless access to the Internet via public computers or users' personal devices is provided free of charge.
3. To ensure equitable access to the public network and efficient use of resources, the Library reserves the right to set time limits for use of public computers.
4. The library's wireless network is not secure; the library cannot guarantee the safety of traffic across its wireless network.
5. Internet workstations are situated in public areas, and content being viewed by users may be seen by other people. Users are expected to use the Internet in accordance with this environment.
6. The library does not assume any responsibility for the configuration, security or files on personal devices resulting from connection to the library's network.
7. The Perth East Public Library supports the 1997 Canadian Library Association's Statement on Internet Access (See Appendix A). The Library does not restrict access to information on any public computer with the use of filtering software.

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8. The Library will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by, or the potential repercussions of a third party using, personal/banking/credit card information that has been entered via the public network and/or on library provided computer workstations and devices.

Use by Children

1. Children may access all information and use all facilities provided by the library.
2. As with more traditional resources, the Library does not act in place of or in the absence of a parent. The Library is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's use of this resource.

Acceptable Use of Technology in the Library

1. The Perth East Public Library reserves the right to limit any use of the Internet services it provides, if that use deviates from what the Library intends.
2. The accuracy of the information obtained from the Internet is the responsibility of the producer/originator, not the Library. The Library does not monitor, and has no control over, the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.
3. In addition to the general rules respecting use of the library, the Perth East Public Library Board prohibits the use of the Internet services it provides for any purpose which would contravene any statute or government regulation, or which might create civil liability by the user or the Library Board to any person. For example, the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits certain forms of discrimination and harassment of other individuals or groups, and the Criminal Code includes prohibitions against child pornography, obscenity, hate literature, and literature for illicit drug use. An example of civil liability is the law of libel and slander. No effort has been made to be exhaustive in giving the above examples. Users are reminded that ignorance of the law is not an excuse.
4. Use of Library workstations and Internet services provided by the Library is conditional on the user's agreement to observe this policy. By continuing to use these Internet services, the user indicates agreement to all requirements of this policy.

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5. Library staff are entrusted with the obligation to ensure that this policy is followed. Staff will advise users of appropriate conduct as required. Should violation of this policy occur, staff has the authority to block access to Internet and/or Library services as per *OP-11 Code of Conduct*.

Appendix A

[The Canadian Library Association's Position Statement on Public Access to Internet](#)

Related Documents:

- Perth East Public Library *OP-06 Unattended Children*
- Perth East Public Library *OP-01 Privacy and Access to Information*
- Perth East Public Library *OP-11 Code of Conduct*

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