

Lackawanna County Library System
Internet Use and Safety Policy
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The Lackawanna County Library System, through its member libraries, provides public access to Internet via local area networks, a wide area network linking all system libraries and Wi-Fi.

Access to this network is free to:

- 1.) Any adult, 17 years and older, member in good standing of the Lackawanna County Library System;
- 2.) Any minor, younger than 17, member in good standing accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Unaccompanied juvenile patrons are limited to the designated workstations in system libraries;
- 3.) Any purchaser of a non-resident LCLS card;

Currently there are no specific time limits set system-wide, but system libraries have the right to limit sessions if the situation demands. Reservations are not presently necessary, but please note that presentation of your library card is required.

Library staff will assist patrons in getting connected to the Internet but searching for specific materials and information is primarily the user's responsibility.

Printing is available subject to fees and limitations established by the member Libraries. Users are reminded that material on the Internet may be subject to the copyright law of the United States (U.S. Code; Title 17).

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the library employs filtering technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

- Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of Title 18, United States

- Code;
- Child pornography, as that term is defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code;
- Harmful to minors.

The library also reserves the right to filter web sites for reasons of computer security and bandwidth conservation.

Access to unfiltered content is limited to those who are 17 or older.

The following restrictions apply to all users who access the Internet over the Library's network:

- Users may not make unauthorized disclosure of, use of, or dissemination of a minor's personal information by means of the Internet, e-mail, or any other electronic technology. Minors must have the authorization of their parents or guardians to disclose their own personal information.
- Users must be careful not to expose themselves to dangerous situations. Users must be cautious when using e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, discussion groups, newsgroups, game rooms, and all other forms of communications.
- Attempts to alter workstation or network settings or defeat Library security programs, the use of a false or stolen library card number, "hacking," and other unlawful activities will be viewed as a serious matter and may result in the loss of access privileges on a temporary or permanent basis.
- If you are using a computer in a manner that is inconsiderate or offensive to others, a staff member may ask you to end your session.

Wi-Fi service is available at all members libraries for free.

Mobile Printing Service is available at www.lclshome.org/printing for an established fee at select member locations.

The Lackawanna County Library System and its member libraries are not responsible for any damage or losses, including theft, which may result, directly or

indirectly, from using the Wi-Fi Service nor are we responsible for any content viewed via the Internet.

The Wi-Fi service is not secure. We strongly recommend that you run and maintain an anti-virus program and a personal firewall.

System member libraries may establish other requirements as dictated by local issues and concerns, as long as those requirements do not conflict with the System-wide policy.

The Library System and system member Libraries assume no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of these services.

Patrons are reminded that no one regulates the Internet and its content. Consequently, the Library System cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information found. While the Library System uses filters, not all filters are foolproof. Users are cautioned that they may encounter material that they find offensive.

Use of the Libraries' Internet services constitutes acceptance by the user of all pertinent Library System rules, regulations and policies as posted.