

Scranton Public Library

Acceptable Use Policy

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Overview

This policy relates to Internet access provided by the Scranton Public Library to members libraries of the Lackawanna County Library System. Access is provided in the following ways:

Library-Owned Public Computer: A computer purchased by the library or library system for the sole purpose of making it available, free of charge, to the public to use while on library property.

Library-Provided Wi-Fi: Wireless internet connection via Wi-Fi provided by the library, free-of-charge for the public to use while on library property.

Library Device: An electronic device capable of internet connection purchased by the library or library system for the purpose of it being made available to the public to borrow, free of charge, with their library card.

Library Hotspot Device: An electronic device purchased by the library or library system from a third-party internet service provider to provide mobile network/internet access to the public. Library Hotspot devices may be borrowed by the public, free of charge, with their library card.

Personal Device: A device not owned by the library that may be brought into the library by an individual to use while on or off property.

Policy

In accordance with current state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Scranton Public Library and other member libraries of the Lackawanna County Library System exercise their rights to selectively employ filtering technology to block access to images that are obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors (age 16 and under). However, filters are not 100% effective and may not filter images that should be blocked, and conversely, may block images that should not be blocked. In the case of an inappropriate site that was not filtered, a patron may be requested to exit the site in question. The library system reserves the right to expand or alter the list of prohibited sites without notice.

The following restrictions apply to all individuals who access the Internet over the LCLS network:

- Users may not access inappropriate matter, such as matter that is obscene, pornographic, threatening, or otherwise in violation of community standards.
- Users may not engage in unlawful activities or misrepresentation.
- Users may not attempt unauthorized access (including hacking) to any computer system.
- Users may not make unauthorized disclosure of, use of, or dissemination of a minor's personal information by means of the Internet, e-mail, instant messaging, social media, or any other electronic technology. Minors must have the authorization of their parent or guardian 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, instant messaging, game rooms, social media, and all other forms of communication.

Any attempt to alter workstations, network settings, mobile hotspot devices, or any attempt to defeat library security programs, etc., will be viewed as a serious matter and may result in the loss of access privileges on a temporary or permanent basis.

The LCLS and system member libraries assume no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of this service.

Use of the library's Internet service constitutes acceptance by the user of all pertinent LCLS rules, regulations, and policies as posted.