

RUTH CULVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Electronic Resources Acceptable Use Agreement

The Ruth Culver Community Library offers access to electronic resources as part of its mission to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of our users.

By using a library computer, the library's wireless network, or other electronic resources provided by the library you agree to abide by the following terms:

- Users must abide by all Federal, state and municipal laws and regulations. Use of electronic resources for unauthorized, illegal, fraudulent or unethical purposes is prohibited.
- Users must respect the privacy of other individuals and may not interfere with another's use. Patrons shall refrain from attempting to view or read materials being used by others, unless they have been granted permission by that user. Furthermore, any individual(s) who, at the library staff's discretion, create a disturbance limiting the effective use of these resources by others may be asked to cease the behavior and/or leave the area or building.
- Users may not impersonate another individual; may not attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others and may not seek unauthorized access to any computer system.
- Users may not transmit any material that threatens, harasses, defames or invades the privacy of any other persons or entity.
- Users may not "spam" by sending or posting unsolicited messages or materials, bulk email, or other forms of solicitation.
- Unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of fair use, is prohibited by Title 17 of the US Code. Sending, receiving, copying or otherwise infringing on the copyrights, trademarks, patents or proprietary rights of another is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, digitization of music, movies, photographs, or other copyrighted materials or software. It is the user's responsibility for copyright compliance; the library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from violations.
- Sending, receiving, or displaying, text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as pornographic or obscene is prohibited. Exposing children to harmful materials is not allowed per Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes which, among other things, makes it a crime to expose children to pictures or images of nudity, sexually explicit conduct, or physical torture or brutality that appeal to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests of children, are patently offensive to prevailing adult standards regarding materials suitable for children, or lack serious literary, artistic, political, scientific or educational value for children. Viewing content of this nature is prohibited at the library and violations will result in the loss of internet privileges for the follow terms: 1st infraction-1 week; 2nd infraction-1 month; 3rd infraction-1 year. The 1 year suspension may be appealed at the next regular meeting of the Library Board; however, the suspension will remain in effect until the appeal can be considered.
- Users may not disrupt the library's network or equipment and may not attempt to disrupt the equipment, network, or services of others; this includes damaging and altering software

components of a database or network. Any form of “hacking” and distribution of viruses or other harmful software programs is prohibited.

The violation of any of these terms or any other misuse or abuse of Library equipment or Internet access may result in the loss of library privileges and/or criminal prosecution, where applicable.

Additional Terms:

- The library reserves the right to place time limits on internet use and may terminate a user’s session without notice.
- Library staff may be available to assist in the use of electronic resources, but may not be familiar with every application.
- The Ruth Culver Community Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by library users including minors. Parents and/or guardians have the right to determine what is appropriate internet use for their child and are encouraged to supervise their child’s use. Parents may request that their minor child be denied access to the Internet at the library for a specified period or until their child’s eighteenth birthday. Just as libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written material in their collections, they do not do so for electronic information. It is the responsibility of the user (or the parent, guardian or caregiver) to determine what is appropriate.
- Due to insurance limitations and warranties, Library staff is not allowed to configure patron laptop computers or other devices or to install any devices or software onto patron equipment. Further, library staff is not able to provide technical assistance for computer configuration or other technical support issues. If assistance is required, patrons should contact their equipment manufacturer or vendor.
- The Library’s wireless network is not secure and the Library cannot guarantee the safety of traffic across its wireless network. Anti-virus, security and privacy protection is the responsibility of the user.
- The Library cannot guarantee that computer access or wireless service will be available at any specific time or that the connection will have any specific quality or speed. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that an individual will be able to make a wireless connection with his/her device.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for any alterations or interference with a patron’s equipment, configuration, operation or data files resulting from connection to the wireless network or use of library equipment.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, loss of any kind to property brought into or used at the Library
- If an individual is found, at the library’s sole discretion, to be using excessive bandwidth, the library reserves the right to limit or suspend that individual’s use.

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