



Round Lake Area Public Library  
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## **Technology & Internet Use Policy**

### **I. General Provisions**

The Round Lake Area Library (RLAL) provides free access to electronic information and communication systems for use by the public. A variety of electronic equipment, including computers, is made available for patron use. When using electronic information and resources, the Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials.

The Internet is an ungoverned and unregulated source of information. The Round Lake Area Library cannot control what information others provide on the Internet and, therefore, disclaims any responsibility. The Internet contains material that may be inappropriate for viewing in a public setting; users are expected to be sensitive to that fact and act responsibly and with respect for others. If a displayed image or text results in a public disturbance, library staff reserve the right to end the Internet session.

The Library will not be responsible for any damages suffered, including the corruption or loss of data, resulting from user error, computer error, equipment malfunction, or service interruptions. The Library is not responsible for the accuracy, quality, or the objectionable nature of information obtained through the Internet. Because technical problems related to accessing the Internet and specific sites may occur, the Library cannot guarantee that the Internet or specific sites will always be accessible. Staff will assist patrons with technology use as time and expertise permit but are not permitted to configure a patron's personal equipment.

Any unlawful use of the Internet, including but not limited to laws concerning copyright, fraud, hacking, hate crime, piracy or obscenity, is strictly prohibited. Patrons who have been identified as making unlawful use of the Internet will be banned from using the library's Internet resources and subject to legal action. Although every effort is made to protect patron privacy, no communications made by or stored in the Library's electronic or communication systems are guaranteed to be private or confidential.

Any tampering with or altering of the library's equipment, property, or systems is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to wireless hotspots, computers, game systems, printers, and copiers.

The Library may require that patrons limit their time on public access computers when computers are in short supply and other patrons are waiting.



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## **II. Youth Access**

Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's use of the Internet. Children 9 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent/adult caregiver. The Round Lake Area Library provides filtered access to the Internet in the Youth Services Department. Filtering software is not guaranteed to be effective in blocking objectionable sites. Filters may also block some useful information.

Children 14 years old and younger must use the computers in the youth area. No one over 14 may use the computers in the youth area except parents, legal guardians, or older siblings working with children. Children may be required to provide proof of age including but not limited to library card registration.

## **III. Wireless Access to the Internet**

The Round Lake Area Library provides unencrypted/unsecure wireless access for public Internet use. In addition to all the provisions above, wireless users should adhere to the following:

- Wireless users are responsible for configuring the wireless equipment connecting to the wireless network.
- RLAL does not provide software or hardware technical support.
- Bandwidth is shared and limited; patrons using more than their share may be blocked from wireless access.
- Wireless access is unfiltered.

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