

Topic: Technology

4.2 Internet Acceptable Use Policy

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Signature of Board Chairperson (and Date):

The North Kawartha Public Library offers access to electronic resources, including those on the internet. Access is a **privilege**, not a right, and requires responsibility on the part of the user. The internet offers unlimited global access to all types of information. Not all sources are accurate, complete, current, legal or philosophically acceptable to all people. Some information may be offensive, controversial, illegal, erroneous, etc. It is the responsibility of the user to select viewing content that is appropriate for a public library where minors may be present.

Parents and guardians of minor children must assume responsibility of their children's use of the Internet just as they must with printed or visual materials. Parents of children under 13 must sign a Parent/Guardian Consent Form before their child may use our computers.

Acceptable Use

All electronic traffic originating from the computing centre will be in accordance with acceptable use standards. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of Internet, computer, or other privileges.

1. Respect for the privacy of others.
2. Compliance with copyright law and licensing for individual data and programs.
3. Consideration for the security and functioning of computers, computer networks and systems.
4. Viewing materials appropriate to a public library setting, where minors may be present.

Unacceptable Use

Computing resources may only be used for legal purposes by the public and staff in accordance with the ethical standards of the computing centre. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Uses for any purposes that violate federal, provincial, or local laws including copyright laws.
2. Interfering with or disrupting other computer users, services or equipment.
3. Attempting to gain or gaining unauthorized entry to other computing, information or communications sources or devices (hacking).
4. Malicious, threatening, harassing, or obscene behaviour or language.
5. Misrepresentation of oneself or the computing centre.
6. Activities that could cause congestion and disruption of networks and systems.
7. Unsolicited advertising.
8. To access, upload, download, transmit or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit language or material.

Attachment 1

Internet use parent/guardian consent form (under age 13)

We welcome Children at the North Kawartha Public Library and encourage them to use our computers for fun and learning. Internet and computer usage is free however we reserve the right to limit time usage. Proof of age may be required to verify qualification for independent internet usage. There is a charge for printing. During peak seasons patrons may be limited to 30 minutes of computer time per session. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times in the library by a parent or guardian.

Charges for printing are posted in the computer area.

Please print

Child's Name:

Age:

Address:

Phone #:

Name of Parent/Guardian: (Please print)

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I hereby allow my child to use the Internet. I have read the acceptable internet use policy and agree to adhere to the policies of the North Kawartha Public Library.

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and will only be used for the purpose of this form.