



Little Chute Public Library

Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial

Internet & Public Computer Use Policy

The Little Chute Public Library provides free public access to the Internet and public computers. Anyone under 18 must have Internet authorization from a parent or guardian.

Access

Computer use is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Patrons who wish to use a public computer must know their library card number and pin number. Internet use is limited to 60 minutes a day. However, patrons can add 30 additional minutes at the end of each session if the other computers are not in use. Patrons who wish to hear audio content on library computers must use headphones. The library will not supply headphones.

User Responsibilities

All users are expected to follow these basic rules and regulations:

- Computers are to be used for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only.
- Users must respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user and by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or other data belonging to others. Users should further respect the privacy of others by not interfering with another user's work.
- Users should not seek unauthorized access to any computer system or damage or alter software components.
- Users should only make authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Users should not engage in any behavior that violates the Library's Rules of Conduct Policy.
- Users should not have any food or drinks at the computer.

The Library cannot control or monitor the vast amount of material accessible from computers and networks via the Internet. Individual users must accept responsibility for sites visited and links followed. The user is responsible for verification of information found on the Internet for content and accuracy. Library staff is available to provide assistance and to help identify appropriate sites.

The Little Chute Public Library does not filter Internet computers. Selection policies, which serve to govern the Library's purchase of written materials, may not apply to materials accessed electronically. It is the responsibility of the user to determine what is appropriate.

Children: The Little Chute Public Library assumes no responsibility for Internet use by children. Parents and legal guardians who are concerned about their children's use of the Internet are expected to provide guidance to their children and monitor their use of this resource. Only they are in the position to define what material or information is consistent with their personal and family beliefs, and only they can apply these values for themselves and their children as they use the library's resources. Children and young adults under the age of 16 should have parental permission to use the internet.

The Little Chute Public Library cannot guarantee confidentiality over the Internet. It is up to the user to take appropriate precautions when using this service. Patrons entering personal data do so at their own risk. Furthermore, the library takes no responsibility for lost data due to network or connection failure or malfunction of equipment.

Gaming: Gaming is only allowed on a designated 'gaming computer.' No juvenile guest passes are permitted for gaming, you must have your library card (if under 18). No first-person shooter, explicit, or inappropriately violent games are permitted.

Misuse or abuse of computer or Internet access will result in suspension of Internet access privileges and possible suspension of library privileges.

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