

Cheney Library - INTERNET USE POLICY

Purpose: As part of the Cheney Library's mission to meet the information needs of town residents and guests, the library offers public access to the internet. Access to the internet enables users to explore a vast array of information beyond that contained in the library's collection.

Responsibility of the Library: While the library offers access and guidance to a wide array of useful and interesting internet sites, some may contain inaccurate, controversial, and even offensive material. The library does not monitor and has no control over information accessed through the internet and cannot be responsible for its content.

Access to Library Computers: The library has 5 computers. Access to the internet with the library computers is limited to a 30 minute session per user, longer if no one is waiting. Every user must sign into the computer log located at the main desk. The user upon signing must agree to abide by the *Cheney Library Internet Use Policy*.

Responsibility of Users

- Parents and guardians of children under the age of 13 are responsible for monitoring their child's use of the internet. Any restriction of a child's access is the responsibility of the parent, not the library staff.
- Dissemination of information on the internet, email, chat rooms, and instant messaging, is a joint responsibility of the child and parent.
- Users are required to sign the log each time they use a library computer. A maximum of two users at each workstation is allowed. All users sharing library computers must agree to the library's internet use policy.
- The library does not permit violation of any U.S. or state law or regulation including, but not restricted to acts of a threatening, harassing, or obscene nature. Patrons must respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
- To save files users must provide their own USB storage media.
- Users are responsible for the printing fee of \$.20 per page. Students will be allowed 10 free pages per visit at the discretion of library personnel.
- Hardware and software on library computers may not be altered.
- Library computers may not be used to attempt to gain unauthorized access to any data, computer or network.
- Users are asked to remember that they are in a public building and are expected to show consideration for others when viewing internet sites.
- Any criminal or otherwise illegal conduct is prohibited, including the public display of offensive sexual materials as restricted by NYS Penal Laws 245.10, 245.11, 263.11 and 263.16 when using a public PC. The library reserves the right to limit access to pertinent web resources to maintain compliance with this legislation.

Misuse by not complying with these procedures and policies will result in loss of privileges.

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