

Wireless Internet Access Acceptable Use Policy

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Purpose

This policy defines the rules that apply to patrons using their own equipment to access wireless Internet service at Lower Providence Community Library through the Montgomery County Library & Information Network Consortium (MCLINC) network.

Responsibilities of Users

The Lower Providence Community Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed over the Internet. The Internet offers access to many valuable local, national and international sources of information. However, as with printed publications, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. An informed consumer evaluates the validity of information found.

The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and information content; library patrons use it at their own risk.

Users are hereby warned that public access connections are not secure. The Library cannot assure the confidentiality of credit card or other personal information transmitted. Minors (individuals under the age of 18) should be warned by their parent or guardian not to disclose personal information to strangers in any form of electronic communication.

The Lower Providence Community Library does not have the right or the responsibility to act in loco parentis. Parents who believe their children cannot responsibly use Internet access are requested to monitor their children's Internet use.

The Lower Providence Community Library complies with the Acceptable Use Policy of the MCLINC Internet Service Provider. Any activity which does not comply with that policy is prohibited. The MCLINC Acceptable Use Policy can be found at <http://www.mclinc.org/AUP.htm>.

Users may not use any library Internet Access for any illegal or criminal purpose including but not limited to harassment, stalking, child pornography or scams. Users may not display materials that by community standards are obscene. Patrons must abide by all Library policies in effect.

All Internet resources accessible through the Lower Providence Community Library are provided equally to all users. Explicit sexual material, as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. §5903 (text available upon request), may not be displayed. The Lower Providence Community Library reserves the right to terminate any computer session where such material is viewed.

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Filtering

Wireless sessions on Patron Owned Equipment are filtered using the electronic protection measures (filtering) purchased and configured by MCLINC, as required for compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act

These measures are intended to protect against access to images harmful to minors. No filtering product is 100% effective and parents are urged to monitor their children's activities. In addition, filtering software may block access to sites with legitimate value. Any individual who has attained the age of 18 may request that the filters be disabled during their session. Such requests will be kept confidential. The Lower Providence Community Library does not restrict access to text materials and cannot protect users from information they may find offensive.

Disclaimers

Lower Providence Community Library makes no guarantees with regard to network availability and does not guarantee a secure connection. Patrons should have up-to-date virus software to protect personal devices. Lower Providence Community Library and MCLINC will not be held liable for any damage to personal hardware or software, or for virus infections or other consequences caused by downloads while using Lower Providence Community Library's MCLINC network. Patrons must agree to indemnify and hold Lower Providence Community Library, MCLINC and its member libraries harmless from any and all liability.

Technical Support

Technical support is not available to users for the configuration of personal devices. If you experience difficulty obtaining a wireless signal within the library, please move to a location closer to the wireless access point, which staff can point out for you.

Printers

Printers are not available for wireless access sessions. Patrons are advised to save their work and take it to a public workstation or email it home for printing at a later time.

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Acceptance

By choosing to use this library's wireless Internet service, patrons agree to abide by the terms of this Acceptable Use Policy.