

Baxter Public Library Internet Use Policy

The Purpose of public access to the Internet is to further support the community's informational, learning, cultural, and recreational needs.

The Baxter Community School provides access to the World Wide Web for the library. The district has filters installed to restrict access to specific sources determined by the school to be inconsistent with its mission.

General Use

1. The Internet is open to all patrons who are in good standing with the library.

Internet Use

1. The library is not responsible for the content, accuracy or validity of any information found on the Internet. Information on the Internet may be controversial, offensive, and/or inappropriate in a library setting. The patron takes responsibility for the use of the Internet and will respect the rights of other library users.
2. The patron will pay for any repair or replacement cost of equipment or software damaged by themselves or by minors for whom they are responsible.
3. The library is not responsible for any damage to personal media or software due to system malfunction or for any other reason.
4. Failure to abide by the Baxter Public Library policy and guidelines may result in loss of the privilege of computer use and Internet access at the Baxter Public Library.

Assistance

The library staff, on a day-to-day basis, will help with computers and Internet use as able and reasonable. However, staff members may not be familiar enough with a function to provide any help. Staff members are not available for extensive training.

Unacceptable Use

1. Any illegal or unethical use of the Internet, including but not limited to violation of copyright laws, activities such as harassment, distribution of unsolicited information, propagation of computer viruses, attempting to make unauthorized entry into other computers or viewing and sending sexually graphic images.
2. Attempting to modify or gain access to restricted files, passwords, or data.
3. Damaging or destroying equipment, software, or data belonging to the library.
4. Disrespecting the privacy of other users.

Procedures

1. Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis to users. No more than two people may sit at one computer.
2. The library may set time limits on the computers in order to maximize the efficient and effective use of the Internet. Individual sessions may be limited to 30 minutes and will be enforced when others are waiting to use a computer.

3. A black and white printer is available to make copies for the fee of .10/page.

Wireless Internet Access

1. The wireless Internet access offered is filtered. By choosing to use this free service, patrons agree to abide by the library's Internet Use Policy.

2. The Baxter Public Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent to and from your notebook/laptop computer may be captured by anyone with a wireless device and the appropriate software.

3. The library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be made that you will be able to make a wireless connection.

4. The Baxter Public Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for notebook/laptop computer configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the library's wireless access.

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