

Escanaba Public Library Internet Access & Acceptable Use Policy

Internet access is provided by the Escanaba Public Library in keeping with the library's mission to "... provide our community with materials and services for learning, enrichment and enjoyment."

General Usage:

- Library card (regular or guest) is required for access.
- All users must read the Acceptable Use Policy and sign the agreement located on the registration form.
- Use is limited to 90 minutes per day per cardholder.
- Cardholder must be the primary user online.
- Internet access is prohibited to cardholders owing fines or fees.
- Minors (under the age of 18) must have the signed permission of parent or guardian to use the Internet. Parent or guardian must be present at the time of registration.
- Minors without parental permission may not sit at the Internet workstations.
- Workstation use is limited to two persons per station. Exceptions may be made for families or special circumstances, to be determined by staff.
- One fifteen-minute express station is available free-of-charge for adults not registered with the library.
- Adults and minors accompanied by an adult who are not registered with the library may purchase a guest card with 90 minutes per day for \$1.00.
- Printing (black & white only) is available at \$.10 per sheet. Custom printing is not available.
- The MichNet Acceptable Use Policy also applies to users of library computers. A copy of this policy is available at the circulation desk or online at http://www.merit.edu/policies/acceptable_use.php

Disclaimer: The Escanaba Public Library assumes no responsibility for damages or financial obligations a patron may incur, either directly or indirectly as a result of Internet access. It makes no guarantee as to quality or content of information accessed via the Internet. Such information may not be accurate, current or complete. The fact that the Library provides access to online information does not imply sponsorship or endorsement by the Library. Privacy cannot be guaranteed when using a Library computer. Users are cautioned that the Internet is not a secure medium and that privacy of electronic communication cannot be guaranteed.

Misuse and abuse of computer equipment and/or Internet access

Internet users may not:

- Make any use of the Internet which violates Federal, State or local laws. Examples of illegal activities include, but are not limited to, fraud and displaying or disseminating child pornography.
- Make any attempt to alter or damage computer software or hardware.
- Invade the privacy of others or send harassing or threatening messages.
- Make unauthorized copies or use of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Use library workstations in a way that unnecessarily interferes with others.
- Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy may result in suspension of Internet privileges by the Library Director. Appeals may be made, in writing, to the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees.

Filters & Viewing of Inappropriate Materials

In compliance with state and federal regulations, filtering software is used on all library workstations to protect against access to depictions of graphic violence and explicit sexual content. Adults (18 and older) may request unfiltered access for research purposes at any time. The library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue display of information and/or images that would be considered offensive by others in the community.

Neither the Library nor the filtering software provider can guarantee the software will prevent access to websites users may consider personally offensive, controversial or inappropriate. Complaints about materials accessed online can be made following the Library's policy for Reconsideration of Library Materials. A copy will be furnished upon request.

Assistance:

Staff may be available to assist users with basic login procedures and to introduce library users to general Internet searching, however, patrons are expected to use Internet workstations without library staff assistance.

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Wireless Internet Policy

The Escanaba Public Library supports Internet access by library users who bring in their own laptops and connect through the Library's network. This wireless access is provided as a service free of charge on an "as is" basis with no guarantee and no warranty. There is a potential security risk and virus risk for anyone who connects to a public network. The Escanaba Public Library and Charter Communications are not liable for any security breaches or viruses that may occur as the result of using the public network.

The Library is not set up for e-commerce and does not guarantee security for data transferred through the Library and Charter Communication's Internet connection. The Library cannot guarantee immediate connectivity to the Internet, nor can it guarantee a high speed or stable connection to the Internet. The Library and Charter Communications are not responsible for any failure to provide an Internet connection or for dropped or slow Internet connections. The Library and Charter Communications are not responsible for any monetary or other losses whatsoever that may occur during the public's use of the Library's Internet connection.

Terms and Conditions of Use:

- The Acceptable Internet Use Policy of the Escanaba Library applies to any use of the wireless network.
- The Privacy Policy of the Escanaba Public Library applies to any use of the wireless network.
- The wireless network is unfiltered. In accordance with Michigan law, Michigan P.A. 212, minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to use the library's wireless network.
- Information passing through the Library's wireless network is not secured and could be monitored, captured, or altered by others.
- It is the patron's sole responsibility to protect his/her information from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of use of the Library wireless access.
- Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and assumes no responsibility for laptop configurations, security or changes to data files resulting from connection to the Library's network.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment; users must keep their equipment with them at all times and may only use electrical outlets at public tables.
- In using this free Internet access, the customer agrees and hereby releases, indemnifies, and holds harmless, the City of Escanaba, the Escanaba Public Library, Charter Communications and all its employees from any damage that may result from use of this wireless network.
- While using this wireless network, the patron acknowledges that he/she is subject to, and agrees to abide by all laws, and all rules and regulations of the City of Escanaba, the State of Michigan, and the federal government that is applicable to Internet use.
- Printing is not available via the wireless connection at this time.

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