



Duxbury Free Library Policy: Internet Use

The Duxbury Free Library provides free Internet service in order to provide access to an extensive collection of informational resources and materials through up-to-date technology, programs, and workshops. The Internet does not fall under the control or governance of any single agency, government, or organization. The library cannot control access points, which often change rapidly and unpredictably.

The library provides guidance in the use of the Internet through instruction and through the Duxbury Free Library web site, which identifies specific sites that are authoritative, helpful to users, and appropriate to the library's mission and goals.

The library provides Internet access on public workstations in the reference and children's departments and via wireless network. Workstations are available to users in grade 4 and above, and to younger patrons who are accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Parents/caregivers are responsible for the information selected and accessed by their children.

It is not acceptable to use Internet access for any purposes that violate federal or state laws. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to: Harassment of library users or staff; libeling or slandering others; violation of a computer security system; unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network identification numbers assigned to others; unlawful disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification regarding minors; destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials. Using library computers, networks, or WIFI to copy and distribute copyright protected works may be an infringement of the copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code).

Violations of this policy will result in loss of computer privileges and may result in the loss of library privileges. Illegal acts involving library computer resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Library Trustees and ratified or amended at that time.

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