ROCKWELL FALLS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Internet Use Policy

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Rockwell Falls Public Library endeavors to develop collection resources and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational and educational needs of Rockwell Falls's diverse community. It is within this context that the Rockwell Falls Public Library offers access to the Internet. Any illegal activity involving the Library's Internet resources or equipment will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.

The Rockwell Falls Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Due to the evolving nature of the Internet, policies are subject to change. As with other Library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.

Anyone who uses the library's computing and information resources must act responsibly. Every user is responsible for the integrity of these resources. To ensure fair and proper use of the library's computing and information resources, users must follow legal, ethical and cooperative rules.

The following rules have been adopted by the Rockwell Falls Public Library Board of Trustees:

• All print jobs must be completed, paid for, and picked up before the library closes.
• Patrons using laptops or mobile devices in the library must have their devices stowed and ready to go by 5 minutes prior to library closing time.
 • Computers are available on a first come, first served basis, and may not be reserved
• Public Wi-Fi service is made available to patrons regardless of library business

hours.

• The Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent from a computer on the wireless network can be captured by others. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of patron's equipment and/or configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's network and Library staff cannot troubleshoot the settings or use of your device on the Library Public Wireless Network. The Library makes no guarantee that you will be able to make a wireless connection to private data networks like a company's VPN. The Library provides wireless access to anyone having a computer with wireless capability. Wireless users are bound by the same usage guidelines as patrons using the Library's computers.

• Patrons who wish to hear audio content on Library computers must use headphones.

• Patrons may bring USB flash drives or blank CDs/DVDs to store their files.

• Patrons may not load programs onto the Library computer hard drives or run unapproved software from CD-ROMs, flash drives, or any other device.

• The library is not responsible for damage to disks, any loss of data, or damage or liability that may occur from a patron's use of the library's computers.

• The Internet workstation must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of other users. Users may not make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software. Computer and internet settings may not be changed. Users may not use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational, or communication services or resources. Users may not invade the privacy of others or engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory.

• Material on the Internet is copyrighted. It is the user's responsibility to be aware of the display of any notices concerning the copyright of information on the Web and to respect the copyright laws of the United States.

• Internet resources through the Library are provided equally to all users regardless of age. The Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to access constitutionally protected material. A minor's access to the Internet, as well as access to all other materials, is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

• The library is a public space. Sexually graphic Internet sites, while they may be protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, are best suited for

private viewing. Viewing such sites in the library is therefore inappropriate and users who do so will be asked to stop immediately.

• The Library staff will be the sole arbiter of what constitutes unacceptable content. The library staff reserves the right to end an internet session at any time if it is creating a disturbance.

• The library relies on the cooperation of its users to provide shared computing and information resources.

• Violations of these acceptable use rules may result in an immediate loss of access.

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