Whipple Free Library
Internet Access/Computer Use Policy

The Library's mission is to provide our community access to the world of ideas and information. The Whipple Free Library provides the use of the Library's public computers and public access to the Internet. The Internet is a global electronic network of ideas, images and commentary that enhances resources already available in the Library.

Purpose

The Whipple Free Library requires responsible use of the Library's public computers and the Internet. Use of Library public computers or the wireless network constitutes agreement to abide by this Policy, and the Library's Rules of Conduct.

Policy

Computer Use

The Whipple Free Library reserves the right to set time limits for use of the Library's public computers to ensure equal opportunity for all patrons. Patrons using the Library's public computers shall be considerate of other Library and computer users.

Patrons may not store personal information or documents on Library computers and the Library is not responsible for maintaining personal files, documents, or individual website logins. Any computer work that must be saved must be downloaded to a storage device provided by the user. Any files saved on a Library public computer will be erased automatically upon restart

If the Library's equipment or network is damaged as a result of a patron's conduct, or by a patron's device that was connected to a Library computer or network, the Library reserves the right to seek financial redress from the responsible patron. If such damage was done willfully or maliciously, the Library may revoke all future computer, Internet, and/or Library use, and the patron may be subject to criminal penalties, per RSA 202-A:24.

Patrons must use the Library's public computers in accordance with all state and federal laws, and the Library's policies. Patrons may not use the library's computers for any illegal purposes including unauthorized access, software piracy, or transmission of copyrighted materials without approval.

Internet Access

The Library does not assume responsibility for any information transmitted or received while using the Library equipment or Internet access.

The Library cannot guarantee secure connections. Patrons are advised to use standard antivirus protection to prevent unauthorized access to their personal devices. It is not recommended to transmit any sensitive personal or financial information on public access computers.

Internet resources are not subject to the same selection review as other Library material. The Library does not monitor, control or filter content accessed through the Internet and is not

responsible for its content or its use in the Library.

Patrons are asked not to view material inappropriate in a public setting. Patrons are expected to engage in responsible ethical use of the Internet which includes not sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.

Failure to use Internet access according to these rules may result in revocation of Internet use privileges and/or Library privileges. Reinstatement of privileges requires a written request for an appointment with the Library Director/Library Board of Trustees.

The Whipple Free Library provides Internet access to minors. As with other Library materials, supervision and restriction of a minor's access and/or use of the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, and Library staff will not monitor a minor's use of the Internet.

The Whipple Free Library provides wireless Internet access. Wireless access to the Internet is available to patrons with their own devices. Patrons are responsible for configuring and protecting their own equipment. The Library's wireless network is not secure and the Library is not responsible for any damages arising from its use.