

Wireless Internet Access Policy

In seeking to fulfill the mission of the Marlborough Public Library "...to create a community meeting house where citizens of all ages are free to gather and pursue common educational, cultural and recreational interests" the Library provides information in a variety of formats, including access to information on the Internet.

The wireless internet access is provided by the CWMARS, a multitype automated library consortium that facilitates efficient resource sharing and rapid access to information for users of its member libraries through the provision of high quality computer and support services.

C/W MARS endorses the ALA Library Bill of Rights, its interpretations, and in particular Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>).

C/W MARS and the Marlborough Public Library are not responsible for Internet content, including information that may be inaccurate or out-of-date. As with other library materials, the responsibility for determining what is valuable or appropriate lies with the library patron or, in the case of minors, their parents or guardians.

The Marlborough Public Library seeks to provide Internet resources equally to all patrons. Users are advised to refrain from using these resources for illegal activities.

The following prohibitions and warnings apply to both adults and minors:

- a. Viewing images or text that is disruptive to others, inappropriate in a public setting or constitutes potential sources of sexual harassment to patrons and library staff is prohibited. For example, the viewing of web sites which display pornography is inappropriate for a public environment and is therefore, not permitted.
- b. Minors shall not access material "harmful to minors."
- c. Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes or network identification codes/numbers assigned to others is prohibited.
- d. Attempts to gain unauthorized access to computer systems or otherwise compromise system security ("hacking") are prohibited. Destruction, damaging or altering the configurations of library equipment or software in any way is also prohibited.
- e. Users are advised to exercise caution in divulging personal information through direct electronic communications, as doing so can compromise personal safety and privacy.
- f. The downloading of copyrighted materials is also prohibited.

Library staff will intercede when this policy is violated and violators will be asked to leave the library. Violation of this policy may result in actions including, but not limited to, loss of access to the computers and, in some cases, exclusion from the library. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.