

Access to the Internet via Laptop Computers

The Villa Park Public Library provides public access to the Internet primarily through designated workstations. (See related Policy 646: Use of the Internet Computers.) The Library has also established a network which will allow users to bring laptop computers to the Library and use them to access the Internet. Both wired and wireless access are available. This network will connect to the Internet through the Library's Internet connection. Some Internet sites may therefore be unavailable to users.

While it is the goal of the Library to provide access to this network during normal hours of operation, high demand, limitations of technology, and other factors may affect the delivery of this service.

It is the responsibility of each user to obey all local, state, and federal laws when using the network, including, but not limited to, the rules concerning fraud, copyright, obscenity and privacy legislation. Any personal information sent through the network could be intercepted by a third party, and users are encouraged to be cautious about sending personal, financial or legal data. (See related Policy 643: Public Information, Services, and Networks.)

The Library does not supply laptop computers, cables, mice, wireless cards or other peripherals for use with the network. Library staff cannot provide technical assistance for use of laptops or the network, beyond the provision of access specifications.

Users may not extend or modify the network in any way. This includes adding access points and installing bridges, repeaters, switches or hubs. The Library will remove or disable any such unauthorized equipment.

Library privileges will be suspended for any attempt to break into or gain unauthorized access to any computers, networks or secured files. Privileges will also be suspended for attempts to deny or interrupt use of the network through excessive drains on system resources. If appropriate, the Library may also pursue criminal prosecution (See Policy 643: Public Information, Services, and Networks.)

Use of electronic devices that exploit the same frequency as the wireless part of this network is discouraged. Devices using this technology may cause intermittent failure and loss of service to the network.

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