Belleville Area District Library Internet Policy

The Belleville Area District Library provides a wide variety of resources through its Internet workstations and Wireless Access Network.

Individuals are reminded that the Internet workstations are located in a public area, which is shared by patrons of all ages and backgrounds and are asked to be sensitive to this when accessing potentially controversial information and images.

The library's Internet workstations and the Wireless Access Network may not be used for any unlawful or improper activities prohibited under local, state, or federal laws. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Display or transmission of sexually explicit or sexually suggestive (obscene/pornographic) materials.
- Hacking and/or spamming.
- Infringement of copyright law.
- Damage/alteration of software and/or equipment.
- Distribution of unsolicited advertising or propaganda, or propagation of computer viruses.
- Libel, harassment, or slander.
- Fraud.
- Solicitation of minors.

Internet workstations:

Internet users must sign in using their library card or a visitor's pass. Sessions are available for one hour. Users may log in for additional time, if there is no one on the waiting list for a computer. Due to the high volume of Internet use at the library, there is a limit of three hours of Internet use per person per day.

The library provides Children's (age 0-12) and Teen (age 13-17) level Internet filtering, however, it is the responsibility of parents and/or legal guardians to decide which library resources are appropriate for their child. The Belleville Area District Library strongly urges parents to become involved in and supervise their children's Internet activities. The Library's homepage (http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/) has links to Internet search tools and sites with age-appropriate content, and Librarians will be pleased to suggest additional sites or assist with search strategies. Parents must give permission to the librarian if they wish to have their child's filtering level adjusted. All of the computers in the Children's room are filtered at the children's level.

Wireless Access Network:

Patrons with wireless access capabilities on their own equipment, such as laptops, PDAs, etc., are welcome to use the Internet through the Library.

This access option is open to patrons of all ages; parents or guardians of children under the age of 18 are responsible for supervising and guaranteeing their child's proper and safe use of the Internet.

No registration or sign-up is required.

Use of the Library's wireless access points constitutes acceptance of this Internet Access Policy.

The Library provides NO filtering or virus protection on its wireless Internet access points for patrons.

The Library assumes no responsibility for damage caused to patrons' equipment (hardware or software).

Patrons are responsible for configuring their equipment to access the Library's wireless Internet access point. Library staff will only be able to provide a network name or SSID to the patron.

Failure to abide by the provisions of this policy will result in the loss of Internet privileges.