

Computer and Internet Use
Vaughn Public Library
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The Vaughn Public Library offers access to electronic information and services, including the Internet as part of its mission to meet the personal, professional and educational information needs of people of all ages. The Internet, as an information resource enables the VPL to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection.

Parents and guardians play critical roles in helping children learn to use this tool. Library staff cannot act in the place of parents in providing supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read and view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians. The Vaughn Library does not use filtering devices.

The VPL expects everyone to use the Internet responsibly and to respect the rights of others. Those who fail to do so risk losing the library Internet and/or library privileges. When using the library Internet access, it is not acceptable to:

- Violate federal, state or local laws and regulations, including those governing obscenity, pornography and materials harmful to minors.
- Violate copyright laws or database license agreements. Responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement or violating license agreements lies with the user. The Vaughn Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems or any consequences thereof.
- Display or print, graphics or text that are obscene, include child pornography or harmful to minors.
- Engage in any activity deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating, disruptive or hostile environment for customers or staff.
- Invade the privacy of individuals.
- Degrade, alter or disrupt equipment or system performance.
- Gain unauthorized access to resources or entities.

Library staff may impose restrictions, such as time limits or types of use, on library equipment. All computer users are expected to use the electronic resources of the library in a responsible manner that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Each computer user must log in with the NWLN card they were issued. Logging in using another person's library card is not permitted.
- Visitor or guest logins are for people traveling in the area.
- Cardholders with fines or fees exceeding \$25 may not log in.

The VPL makes reasonable attempts to protect rights to privacy and confidentiality. However, absolute privacy in using the Internet in the library cannot be guaranteed. The VPL assumes no

liability for any loss or damage to users' data or devices, nor for any personal damage or injury whatsoever incurred as a result of using the Library's electronic resources.

Violation of VPL policy or regulations that govern the use of computer and Internet resources may result in suspension or loss of the use of these resources. Any illegal activity involving Library resources will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.