

# Lanesborough Computer/Internet Use Policy

## Public Computers

- Computers for adults, teens, and children available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Free Internet access
- Because the Library has limited access, computer use may be limited to 30 minutes per person if/when another person is waiting for the computer(s)

## Wi-Fi

- Free Wi-Fi for your laptop or portable device
- The library's Wi-Fi network does not have a password; as an open network, patrons are advised not to do banking or sensitive transactions

## Computer Use Policy

The Lanesborough Public Library welcomes all users of our public computers. The staff will provide help and advice on using the computers, as appropriate. The Internet is an un-moderated medium and includes information that may be erroneous, out-of-date, controversial or sexually explicit. The user is responsible for identifying and/or avoiding such information, not the library staff.

### **Acceptable Use**

Internet resources are to be used in a responsible manner consistent with educational, informational and recreational purposes. Patrons of all ages are expected to use the computers in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide guidance to their children for the safe usage of electronic mail (email), chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communication. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their child does not access sites that may be inappropriate or potentially harmful to the child. The library prohibits such access.

### **Unacceptable Use**

Computer privileges may be suspended or revoked, at the discretion of the Librarian, if a patron is found misusing the computers, including any violations noted below:

- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance
- Vandalizing the data of other users
- Gaining unlawful access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities
- Invading the privacy of others

- Violating software license agreements and copyright laws
- Violating other federal, state or local laws
- Providing minors with access to materials that are harmful to them
- Deliberate transmission or display of threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene materials

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