

505.02 Public Internet Access

1. The Mackenzie Public Library provides access to the Internet from public computers and its wireless network to foster the individual's educational, cultural, recreational, literacy and informational needs.
2. In keeping with the Library's Intellectual Freedom Policy (see 600.1 (1)), the Library does not use filters to restrict access to the Internet.
3. The Library expects parents and/or guardians to assume responsibility for their children's use of online services and encourages parents to explore the Internet with their children at the Library.
4. The Library's public computers and wireless network are located in public areas shared by Library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Individuals are expected to consider other Library users when using the Library's Internet computers or personal devices in the Library.
5. The Library supports CFLA's statement on public access to the internet - <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/guidelines-and-position-papers/public-access-to-the-internet-position-statement/> - and maintains a commitment to providing free and safe access to the Internet. The Library prohibits use of its public computers and wireless network for illegal purposes.

5.01 Library computers or wireless may not be used to:

- a) Access sites or transmit materials which violate any Canadian federal or provincial law or District bylaw such as defamatory, discriminatory, or obscene materials
- b) Send fraudulent, harassing, or obscene communications
- c) Display overt sexual images

1. The Library also prohibits damaging or modifying the Library's computer equipment, software, or network.
2. The Library reserves the right to:
 - 7.01 Limit Internet use in terms of the amount of time used and/or network load.
 - 7.02 Terminate an Internet session at any time.
8. Failure to comply with this Public Internet Access Policy will result in loss of Internet access and possible banning from the Library. Unlawful activities may result in prosecution.
9. Staff will assist in initially signing on to the Internet and will instruct on Internet use as time provides. Because of library scheduling, trained staff will not always be available for help.
10. User's Responsibilities:
 - 10.01 Be cautious: The Internet provides access to many resources for different age levels and reflects various points of view. Customers should be aware that information might not be accurate, complete, age appropriate, or current.

10.02 Be careful: The Internet is not a secure medium and third parties may be able to obtain information about users' activities. Please use caution before providing any personal information over the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for Internet content, losses or damages, directly or indirectly, arising from the use of its website or from its connections to other Internet services.

505.03 Website Privacy

1. Some information is automatically collected by the server hosting the Mackenzie Public Library's website when a user visits the site.
2. The Library makes no attempt to use this information to identify visitors, unless it is necessary for an investigation or it is required by law.
3. Personal information is collected by the Library when patrons fill-in a library web form or send an e-mail. This information will only be used by authorized staff for the purpose for which it was collected or for a consistent purpose, unless the patron consents otherwise, or it is authorized or required by law.
4. The Library uses cookies to help web site visitors move around the Library website. These cookies do not store personal information.