

BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET & WIRELESS ACCESS POLICY

The Berkley Public Library recognizes the internet as an important resource to be utilized in fulfillment of the library's mission, and will support direct patron access through public computers and through the library's wireless connection.

Since the library is a public place, users need to be sensitive to others when accessing potentially controversial information and images while using the library's internet resources. Access to sites inappropriate for public viewing is prohibited.

All access to the internet, both through the library's computers and the library's wireless connection, is filtered. While using computer resources, users may not expose minors to sexually explicit materials harmful to minors. Users shall not permit any minor to view sexually explicit material or any other material deemed harmful to minors, in accordance with Michigan law, Public Act 212 of 2000.

Internet Access

- Internet access is available to anyone with a valid library card or picture identification and library account in good standing.
- Patrons may log in for a 30 minute session, with a maximum of two hours per day for Berkley residents and one hour per day for nonresidents. If computers are available, additional time can be granted beyond the daily maximum.
- Access to computing resources in the Children's Room is restricted to those aged 14 and under and their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians must be accompanied by a child.
- Adults unaccompanied by children must use workstations in the adult room.

Wireless Access

- As with most public wireless connections, the library's wireless connection is not secure or encrypted. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another user. Users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords, or any other sensitive personal information while connected to the library's wireless system.
- Users assume all risks and agree to hold harmless the City of Berkley and the Berkley Public
 Library and its employees for any personal information that is compromised, or for any
 damage to hardware or software due to power surges, security issues, viruses or hacking. All
 wireless access users should have up to date antivirus software installed on their devices.

All users are expected to use the library's internet and wireless connections in a legal and responsible manner consistent with the public service and informational purpose for which it is provided. The library reserves the right to deny internet or wireless access to patrons who misuse the library's resources and equipment, create a disturbance or violate library policies.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of information and sites with varying ideas, information and opinions. Not all sources provide information is accurate, complete or legal. Users will need to evaluate for themselves the validity of the information found.

Approved by the library director and library board on September 17, 2014