WILBERG MEMORIAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY of OSCEOLA

**INTERNET USE POLICY**

*Adopted March 2015*

**INTERNET USE:**

The library provides free public access to the Internet as an informational, educational and recreational resource.

The library cannot control specific information on the Internet and does not vouch for or endorse either written material in our collections or electronic information. Selection policies that govern the library's purchases of written materials may not apply to electronic resources.

**Guidelines:**

- Individuals should be aware that they are working in a public environment shared by people of all ages and sensibilities.
- Individuals are responsible for their own access, use, or dissemination of information via the Internet in the library.
- Individuals should contact staff immediately if they experience problems or concerns.
- Minors: The Osceola Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the internet by children. Subject to the restrictions stated in this policy, it is the responsibility of the user (or parent or guardian) to determine what is appropriate. Library staff assumes that those under the age of 18 have parental permission to use library resources, including the Internet.
- While respecting the users' right to privacy, the library staff reserves the right to monitor the use of computer workstations and Internet to ensure compliance with this policy.

**Unacceptable Internet Use:**

- Unauthorized, illegal, or unethical purposes.
- Harassment of others or violation of their privacy. Slandering or maliciously offending other users.
- Violation of software licensing agreements.
- Overuse of system resources such as bandwidth.
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance and/or gain unauthorized access to the library's or other computer systems and networks.
- Damaging equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users.

- Exposing children to harmful materials as outlined in Wisconsin State Statute Sec.948.11 and is punishable by a fine of up to $25,000 or imprisonment of up to 12 years, or both.
- Failure to follow guidelines for library computer use.

**WIRELSS USE**

The library provides free wireless Internet access to library patrons.

The library wireless network is an open network and not secure. Patrons are cautioned that security for personal data and wireless devices rests solely with the owner of the wireless device. The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of patrons' equipment or for any damage that might occur to the patrons' computer configuration or data files resulting from connection to the wireless.

**Guidelines:**

- Library staff can provide basic assistance in getting started with the wireless network.
- Most WiFi equipment will be compatible. The library does not guarantee that patrons will always be able to have a wireless connection.
- Printing is not available via the wireless network. Patrons wishing to print materials are directed to use a computer at one of the library's workstations.
- Users of the wireless network may plug their mobile devices into electrical outlets. The library has limited outlets, but will strive to accommodate patrons as much as possible. For safety reasons, we ask that patrons do not block aisles with electrical or other cords.
- Patrons should be certain their laptops and devices are secure at all times and should never be left unattended in the library. Theft of such devices is not the responsibility of the library.
- While respecting the users' right to privacy, the library staff reserves the right to monitor use of personal computers to ensure compliance with this policy.

**Unacceptable Wireless Use:**

- Users are expected to comply with the Internet use guidelines stated above.