

Use of Internet and Personal Electronic Devices

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4.0 USE OF INTERNET AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Bowen Island Public Library provides free access to a number of digital resources including the internet. The Library does not monitor, control, or block access to websites, nor is it responsible for the nature, content, or accuracy of any internet resource that is accessed by a patron while using library services or on library grounds.

4.1 Access to the internet

The Library has a limited number of computer terminals providing sign-up access to the internet. Library patrons may also access the library wireless network with personal electronic devices. The Library does not guarantee that patrons will be able to access a reliable or interruption-free wireless connection at all times.

The Library's wireless network is not secure and patrons are responsible for monitoring their own computer's security.

4.2 Parental supervision

The Library does not restrict or supervise internet access for children. As with the general library collection, parents and guardians are responsible for guiding and monitoring their children's use of the internet at all times.

4.3 Responsible use of technology

Patrons access the internet at their own discretion and are responsible for the sites that they visit. Patrons are not permitted to use the library internet connection for any unlawful or actionable purpose, including but not limited to accessing unauthorized accounts or internet sites or infringing copyright laws. The Library is not responsible for any direct or indirect damages that may arise from the use of its internet connection.

When using technology in the Library, patrons must:

- Respect the privacy of others
- Not interfere with the use and enjoyment of the library by other patrons
- Respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements
- Recognize that the internet contains a wide assortment of resources including sites that may be offensive to them or to others, and use appropriate discretion when accessing internet sites
- Not expose others to information or media that may be viewed as offensive

- Not install any software or alter, remove, or damage any software or hardware on library computers
- Not use excessive bandwidth or download excessive amounts of data so as to interfere with or limit others' use of the internet

4.4 Use of personal electronic devices

The Library has electric outlets throughout the building and members of the public are free to use these to power any personal electronic device. Library staff may impose restrictions on a patron's use of such devices if the electrical drain becomes excessive or if patrons occupying the premises for extended periods of time negatively impact access for other library patrons. Headphones are required for all audio equipment used in the Library, and patrons must keep the volume at a reasonable level. The guidelines listed in policy section 4.3 "Responsible Use of Technology" also apply to the use of personal electronic devices on library grounds.