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Computer and Internet Use Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define appropriate use of the technology resources at the Pelham Public Library, including technology and resources accessed with equipment in the library, loaned by the library, and/or via the library's wireless internet connection. Use of the library public computers or wireless internet connection constitutes acceptance of this Computer and Internet Use Policy.

The Internet is a global network that provides free and timely access to large amounts of practical and educational material. However, some websites provide information that is inaccurate, incomplete or dated, and some content may be offensive, disturbing, or potentially illegal. The Pelham Public Library cannot control or monitor information on the Internet, nor can it be held responsible for any of its content.

User Responsibility

Access to the networks and information technology environment at the Pelham Public Library is a privilege. The responsibilities for use of library equipment or networks are as follows:

- Respect the rights of other users, library equipment, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws including, but not limited to, copyright, licensing, and content restrictions.
- The Library does not act *in loco parentis*, as such parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's internet and public computer usage.
- The Library's public computers employ software to prevent terminals from retaining data between sessions. In order to wipe data from the current session, users are responsible for ending their session by restarting the computer when they are finished. The Library is not responsible for any data retained on systems.
- Users may save data to personal storage media. The Library does not guarantee that all forms of storage media will be compatible with our public computers or networks.

Violations of Use

The Library reserves the right to terminate or restrict the User's Internet privileges for abuse of the conditions of this policy or for unauthorized use of the library's equipment or internet connection. All users shall refrain from the following:

- Using sound or visuals that might disrupt the ability of other library patrons to use the library and its resources.
- Damaging or altering computer equipment, systems, or software, including attempting to disable the library's security software and/or downloading or installing malware.
- Displaying, printing, or downloading any material that is illegal, libelous, threatening, or harassing.
- Viewing, printing, distributing, displaying, downloading, sending, or receiving text or graphics that may be construed as obscene under Chapter 650 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.

- Disseminating, exhibiting, or displaying materials to minors that may be considered harmful to minors under Chapter 571B of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.
- View, print, distribute, send, or receive text or graphics that may be construed to be child pornography under Chapter 649A or 649 B of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated
- Connecting any personal devices to the Library's staff-only networks.

Disclaimer/Liability

Use of the Library's computing equipment and networks is at the sole risk and discretion of the user. Users are responsible for the websites they access and the use of the Internet at their own risk. The Library will not be held liable for any damages, loss of data, or technical issues due to use of the Library's equipment or a user's access to the Internet. The Library does not endorse any software program, hardware, website, or company. Staff may assist users, but it is the user's responsibility to decide what technology to install or use on their devices. The Library takes reasonable steps to secure its networks from unauthorized access. However, the privacy and/or security of information and transactions while using Library equipment or networks is not guaranteed. Any injury or damages incurred by users of Library equipment or the Library's Internet connection are the sole responsibility of the user.