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Internet and Device Use

1. PURPOSE

To ensure clarity regarding the expectations, access and use of the internet and computer equipment provided by Brampton Library.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Brampton Library provides Internet access and computer equipment to further its vision of “Education, Information, Inspiration” by allowing customers access to outside resources that expand and enhance information available in the collections.

3. SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all customers and staff who utilize the internet services and computer equipment of the Brampton Library.

4. POLICY GUIDELINES

- 4.1. The Internet is an unregulated medium that provides information and images beyond the confines of the Library’s mission, selection criteria, and collection development policies. The Library does not take responsibility for the accuracy, currency or appropriateness of information on the Internet.
 - 4.2. It is prohibited to use the Library’s Internet access or devices to receive or display material that is illegal or obscene or that violates Canadian Laws.
 - 4.3. The Library does not assume responsibility for any damages to customer equipment arising from a customer’s connection to Internet services or Staff requested assistance.
 - 4.4. The Library is governed by the [Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44](#), [Canadian Copyright Act](#), the [Criminal Code of Canada](#), [Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56](#) (MFIPPA) and other legislation governing access to expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity.
 - 4.5. The Library reserves the right to manage connectivity, monitor internet traffic, filter content and restrict the use of applications as outlined below:
 - 4.5.1. Devices that are designated for the use of children will not be connected to the internet.
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- 4.5.2.** Devices provided by the Library with internet connectivity may have filtered content and restricted use of applications to preserve the intended use of the equipment as deemed by the Library. The Library assumes no responsibility in the event the filter or restriction is not 100% effective.
- 4.5.3.** Customer Devices using WIFI Services may have filtered content and restricted use of applications to preserve the intended use of the service as deemed by the Library.
- 4.5.4.** The Library may monitor traffic used on the WIFI or devices managed by the library and may disable any traffic that is suspected to be a violation of the intended use of the service. The Library assumes no responsibility in the event the filter or restriction is not 100% effective.
- 4.6.** The Library's website provides recommended links to facilitate the use of the Internet. Customers should recognize, however, that the Library is not responsible for changes to the content of these sites, nor for the content of sources accessed through subsequent links.
- 4.7.** The Library requires the use of Library Card Number for the use of devices managed by the Library or the use of print / copy services. The use of this service and devices are subject to [BRD-22 Library Membership and Use](#). The Library will store member information in agreement with the Library Policy [BRD-23 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy](#).
- 4.8.** Misuse of devices provided by the Library or illegal use of the internet or failure to comply with the procedures may result in loss of member privileges.

5. EXTERNAL REFERENCES

[Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44](#)

[Canadian Copyright Act](#)

[Criminal Code of Canada](#)

[Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56](#)

6. RELATED POLICIES

[BRD - 15 Customer Code of Conduct](#)

[BRD - 22 Library Membership & Use](#)

[BRD-23 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy](#)

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