

Oxford County Library Computer Use and Public Internet Access Policy

Oxford County Library provides Internet access, through wired and wireless service, to ensure equitable access to information and online resources. All users of the Library's public computers and wireless network must abide by the Library's Rules of Conduct. Users must be a registered patron and have signed a Computer Use Agreement.

The Internet is a gateway to information resources for a variety of ages and audiences. Users should consider the authority, accuracy, objectivity, and currency of the information presented. Users are responsible for assessing the validity of the information they find on the Internet.

Users must not tamper with or willfully damage computer equipment.

Library staff is not responsible for supervising or restricting children's use of the Internet.

Users of the Library's public computers and public wireless network are subject to federal, provincial, and municipal laws, including provisions of the Criminal Code. Clients may not access, receive or transmit content that:

- displays overt sexual images
- violates any Canadian legislation such as defamatory, discriminatory, copyrighted, fraudulent, harassing, or obscene materials

Library users are reminded that the computer workstations and the public wireless network are provided in a public area, therefore privacy is not guaranteed. Others may involuntarily be exposed to material displayed on your computer monitor. Users are asked to respect the privacy of others when using the Library's Internet connections. All computer users are expected to use headphones when accessing sound files.

The public wireless network is available to users in the Library during regular hours of operation.

The library is not obligated to provide an electrical source.

Oxford County Library staff cannot provide technical assistance to users of the public wireless network. Staff assistance is limited to Library-owned equipment. Users are reminded that printing is not available over the wireless network at this time.

The Library's wireless access network is an unsecured connection to the Internet and visitors to the Library use this network at their own risk. Users of the public wireless network are responsible for ensuring that their device is equipped with up-to-date security software. Oxford County Library and the County of Oxford assume no responsibility for any compromised information or loss through the use of the public wireless network. This includes, but is not limited to:

- electrical surges
- disruptions to wireless service
- loss or theft of equipment
- security issues, hacking, and viruses

Any violations of this Policy may result in cost-recovery charges, suspension of library privileges, exclusion from the library and prosecution.

This Policy was approved by the Oxford County Library Board, February 2007.