PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

I.   PURPOSE

The Warrenville Public Library District offers public computers as an information resource. Selected public access computers offer patron access to the Internet. The purpose of this policy is to set the conditions under which patrons may utilize the Library's public access computers.

II.   SCOPE

This policy applies to all public access computers.

III.   PROVISIONS

      A.   Public Access Catalogs

      Public access catalogs provided by the Library are freely available to all patrons.

      B.   Public Access (Internet) Computers

      Use of the computer workstations with Internet access is limited to holders of a valid WPLD Library card and to registered reciprocal borrowers.

      All users must accept the Library's Public Access Computers Policy when they login.

      Parents are required to sign the Internet User Agreement for children age 17 and under. Children whose parents have signed the Internet User Agreement have access to all computers. Parents may wish to supervise their children's Internet sessions. Children age 7 and under must have a parent/guardian present at all times while using the Internet.

      The public library, unlike schools, does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent). Librarians cannot act in the place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians.

      A patron whose library card is expired or is delinquent as defined in Policy 210 (Circulation of Materials) is not eligible to use a public access computer.

      A patron who has registered to use public access computers will be granted one hour of computer use which may be extended when vacant workstations are available.

      No more than two individuals may use a computer workstation at any time.

C.	Wireless Network

The Library offers wireless access to the Internet for users with wireless enabled laptops. This network is open to all visitors free of charge. The network is unfiltered and unsecured, requiring no user names or passwords.

Use of the wireless network constitutes the user's agreement to abide by the Library's acceptable use policy.

It is strongly recommended that patrons not use this open, unsecured network to transmit personal, financial, or legal data. Users are responsible for protecting their hardware from outside threats, including, but not limited to viruses and spam. The Library assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages or loss resulting from use of the wireless network.

The Library reserves the right to limit bandwidth to ensure equal and fair access to the network.

Library staff members are unable to provide technical support for users' hardware.

Wireless printing is available through the Library's website.

D.	Acceptable Use

Access, use, or dissemination of information via the Internet in the Library is the responsibility of the user. In the case of minors, it is a joint responsibility of the user and the parent or guardian.

The Library's public access computers and wireless network may be used only for legal purposes. Illegal or prohibited acts may include but are not limited to: unauthorized copyright use, viewing obscene material, violating copyright or software licenses, attempting to/or damaging Library equipment/software/software configurations, compromising system security, libeling, slandering, misrepresentation, solicitation, and harassment. Use of personal software on public access computers is not allowed.

Illegal/prohibited use of the public access computers will result in suspension of computer privileges and may lead to loss of Library privileges. Illegal acts may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Failure of any user to follow the terms of this policy will result in the loss of Library privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

E.	Disclaimer

The Internet enhances the Library's existing collections with electronic resources creating a gateway to the world of information. This resource contains material that may be inaccurate or of a controversial nature. The Library does not monitor or control the content and cannot be held responsible.