

Eldon Public Library  
Policy and Procedure

Internet Use, Copyright and Wireless Access

**Internet Use**

The Internet is not a secure, private environment. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

The Eldon Public Library provides access to the Internet, which is a global entity with a highly diverse user population. It contains a wealth of data and information that greatly expands what is available to library patrons. But, just as the library does not restrict access to information, neither can it limit access to information available on the Internet. The principals that apply to traditional library materials also apply to the electronic library.

The Eldon Public Library does not monitor, nor does it have control over the data and information accessible through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. While the Internet resources are generally reliable and useful, they can also contain data and information that may be inaccurate, outdated, offensive or graphic in nature.

The public's use of Internet resources carries with it a personal responsibility to evaluate the data and information accessed. **It is illegal to access, view, print, distribute, send or receive images or graphic material that violates state or federal laws, such as child pornography.** As with other material, a minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. **Parents or guardians are strongly advised to monitor their minor's use of the Internet. The library staff is not responsible for this.**

**Copyright**

The Eldon Public Library intends to comply with the United States copyright law. Material obtained or copied from the Internet may be subject to copyright laws, which govern the making of reproductions of copyrighted works. A work protected by copyright may not be copied without permission, unless the proposed material falls within the definition of "Fair use". Violation of the copyright law may subject the patron to an action for damages and injunction.p;

**WiFi**

The Eldon Public Library offers free, unsecured, wireless Internet access. Anti-virus and security protection are the responsibility of the patron. Use of the library's wireless access must conform to all library policies and procedures that apply to other types of Internet access. **The library cannot guarantee a connection can be made or maintained. The library reserves the right to terminate a wireless Internet session at any time.**

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