TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WIRELESS INTERNET POLICY

The Tuckahoe Public Library now offers wireless "WiFi" access to the Library's Internet service for properly equipped laptop or PDA

- In order to connect, your computer must have a WiFi-compatible network card installed (802.11b or 802.11g).
- There is no charge for this service
- No waiting for computer availability
- Able to download files to your own laptop
- This network supports up to five simultaneous users, so patrons may be asked to limit their time online when others are waiting
- Please have your laptop fully-charged as outlets are not available due to tripping hazards for other patrons
- Be aware that printing services are not available
- A WiFi signal is inherently less secure than a wired network, so patrons are urged to protect personal, financial, and business information while using any wireless device.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, viruses, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files, or any other personal property brought into or used at the Library.
- The Library cannot guarantee that the service will be available at any specific time.
- Library staff is prohibited from configuring your computer/device or installing any hardware or software on it. Please ask the Reference Librarians for a trouble-shooting handout with configuring information, or contact your hardware or software manufacturer if you need further assistance.
- Please bring and use your headphones if you plan to use audio files.
- The same regulations that govern usage of desk top computers apply to wireless users.

WLS INTERNET POLICY
ADOPTED BY THE
TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to the Westchester Library System's Internet access. When you hear the term "information superhighway," Many people think of the Internet. To maximize availability to resource, and to insure fair accessibility for all, please follow this Internet policy.

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the County, the Westchester Library System and its member public libraries endeavor to develop services that meet the cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of Westchester County's diverse, multicultural community.

Internet access is available on selected terminals for all users of the Westchester Library System's member public libraries. Access to the Internet is compatible with the System's endorsement of the Library Bill of Rights; the Freedom to Read Statement; the Freedom to View; Access to Electronic Information Services and Networks; and with the goals and objectives of this public library system.

The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside of the library. The Westchester Library System and its member libraries have no control over these resources nor do they have complete knowledge of what is on the Internet. The System and its member libraries do not warrant the information available through its Internet connection to be accurate, authoritative, factual, timely or useful, and do not endorse the content of the networked information available. The System and its member libraries do not monitor and have no control over the information accessed through the Internet, and they are not responsible for the content of the networked information available through its Internet connection.

The Westchester Library System and its member libraries assume no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its electronic services, or from its connections to other Internet services. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion. As with other library materials, the restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. With regard to children and teenagers, we recommend that parents take an active interest in, and responsibility for their children's online use. While young people need a certain amount of privacy, they also need parental involvement and supervision in their daily lives. The same general skills apply while online. A wide variety of information for parents and children is available at the Westchester Library Systems Youth Services "OWLS" website, http://www.westchesterlibraies.org/owls/, including the online brochure, "Child Safety on the Information Highway"
http://www.4j.lane.edu/safety/childtoc.html, and Parent Pages
http://wlsmail.wls.lib.ny.us/owls/parentguide.html, which offer many useful sites aimed at parents.

It is not acceptable to use the Westchester Library System Internet for purposes contrary to state or federal laws. It is not acceptable to use the WLS Internet so as to interfere with or disrupt other users, services or equipment. No attempts at "cracking"—whether internal or external—will be tolerated. Such activities may result in loss of system privileges and criminal prosecution. Use of the WLS Internet gateway/connection is intended for private, non-commercial activities, and does not permit unauthorized sale and marketing of products or services, or distribution of unsolicited advertising.

It is assumed that information and resources accessible through the WLS Internet connection are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold rights to such resources and information, unless it is specifically stated otherwise by these owners or holders of rights. In particular, it is important to respect the legal protection that is provided by copyright and licenses to programs and data.

Library staff will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits, but cannot offer personal instruction. Formal instruction of information on the Internet may be offered by various Westchester Library System member libraries at designated times. Please see the reference librarian of your local public library for details.

Information and resources on the Internet enhance those already in the library and often go beyond what is locally available. Users are encouraged to take advantage of the Internet and to exercise good judgment and discretion in their use of it. Current books and videos on the Internet may be available at various member libraries.

The WLS Internet Policy was approved by the Westchester Library System Board of Trustees,