

Internet Access for Patron-Provided Equipment Policy

Policy Statement

The Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) provides free high-speed Internet for patrons wishing to pursue their informational needs with the convenience and technological flexibility of using their own equipment.

Regulations

1. Patrons are welcome to use their own equipment within the library, including their own personal computing equipment to access the Internet.
2. Use of the Internet with patron-provided equipment is governed by the library's "Internet Access and Use Policy."
3. Minors using their own equipment to access the Internet via the library's network must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.¹
4. Library staff will provide general guidelines on the procedures necessary to access the Internet via these "hot spot" connections but are not responsible for any changes patrons make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a patron's hardware will work with the library's network. Patrons should refer to their owner's manuals or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.
5. The library's network has been configured and sized for interactive searching and knowledge gathering on the World Wide Web. The library's network is not sized for large downloads from the web.
6. Patrons connecting to the Internet with their own equipment are able to print to the library's printers and pay for printouts just like patrons using the library's computers.
7. Patrons with their own equipment may use the library's electrical outlets to power their devices.

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¹ Including but not limited to the MCL397.601 *et seq.* Library Privacy Act
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