



LIBRARY SERVICES ELECTRONIC ACCESS POLICY

Library Services Purpose / Mission Statement:

The River Parishes Community College Library Services exists to support the mission and goals of River Parishes Community College. Library Services provides the RPCC community with materials, resources, and instructional services necessary for teaching and learning.

RPCC Library Services subscribes to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read and the Freedom to View statements. The Library affords users unrestricted access to public information resources, subject to published principles of collection development, technological capabilities, and financial constraints. It is within this context and the context of RPCC's mission that RPCC Library Services offers access to the Internet and other online electronic resources.

Rights and Responsibilities of Users:

The Internet enables access to a wealth of valuable and reliable information from a variety of sources. However, it also provides access to information that may be inaccurate, controversial, personally offensive to some viewers, or inappropriate for children. RPCC Library Services is responsible only for the data on those pages pertaining specifically to RPCC Library Services. Individual users must exercise judgment in evaluating the validity and appropriateness of information retrieved via the Internet and must assume personal responsibility for its use. Parents, not the Library, are responsible for the use of library resources by children visiting the library.

In order to access online resources at RPCC Library, the following conditions of use must be agreed to:

- Respect for the privacy of other users.
- Respect for the legal protection provided by copyright law and license agreements for programs and data.
- Respect for the integrity of data, information technologies, properties, and equipment.

- Users will not use the Internet terminals for illegal purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal acts may subject the violator to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.
- With the exception of flash drives, patrons will not attach other peripherals to the Library's public computers and shall not install their own software. Personal files saved on public computers will be deleted when rebooting.
- Users will not tamper with or otherwise attempt to remove or change programs on the public computers.

The Library reserves the right to prohibit violators of these conditions from future access to the Library's computers and online services. Students found to be violating these conditions may be subject to disciplinary action by the Vice Chancellor of Students.

Virus Warning / Disclaimer:

Although the library computers have a program that checks for viruses, there is no guarantee that files downloaded from the Internet will not contain a virus. RPCC Library Services is not responsible for any damages that may arise from saving or downloading files to a flash drive or other personal external storage device.

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