



Internet Use Policy

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Prohibited use includes:

- Using the Internet for illegal purposes
- Using the Internet in violation of the Massachusetts General Law 272 Section 31, the Harmful to Minors statute.
- Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material in any format
- Transmission of chain mail, broadcast letters, or junk mail of any type
- Transmission of threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene materials
- Unauthorized access to remote computer systems

If the Lenox Library believes criminal activity has occurred, the local authorities should also be notified. In the event that any of the prohibited activities occur, the library may suspend or terminate Internet access to that user until such time that the library implements procedures to stop this activity. Whenever practical, the library will provide the user advance notice and an opportunity to address the problem.

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