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ADDITIONAL SERVICES
COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

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The library provides public access to the internet in keeping with its role of providing equal access to information to meet the reference and research needs of the community.

Library computers require a borrower's card and personal identification number to log on. Wi-Fi is provided throughout the system for patrons bringing their own equipment and do not require a logon. Non-patron logon id's may be available as needed.

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In pursuit of its goal to provide the most effective access to information resources the library has adopted the following policies governing electronic access:

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