

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD POLICY
ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Mission Statement

The Oak Lawn Public Library is a rich learning environment that engages and strengthens the community through diverse collections, programs, and services.

The Oak Lawn Public Library provides Internet access, as well as other electronic formats to individuals, as a tool to obtain information. In addition to direct line access to the Internet on equipment owned by the Library, the Library may provide designated areas where patrons may access the Internet on their own computer equipment capable of receiving wireless signals. The Library cannot assume responsibility for the security of personally owned hardware and software used on Library premises.

Various formats of electronic information are extended to patrons as a privilege, not as an automatic right or as an obligation of the Library. Procedures for use of the Internet will be determined by staff and access privileges may be modified and/or suspended at the discretion of the Library.

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