

Internet Access Policy

Purpose

This policy is a statement of the Board of Directors of the Library, intended to be used in conjunction with other existing policies to guide administration of open access Internet resources.

Registration

Patrons are required to sign in to use the public internet computers. Every user under the age of 17 must have a parent or guardian's signature on file. Minor forms must be signed by parents or guardians within the library. Sign in forms will be shredded at the end of each day. By signing in, patrons agree to the terms of the library policy. Usage may be restricted to one hour if there are patrons waiting to use the computers.

Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children.

Liability

While the library provides due diligence for connectivity, access, and security of data, the library accepts no responsibility for:

- Accuracy of information found online
- Damages resulting from loss of connectivity
- Breaches in security
- Breaches of personal data
- Exposure to or infection by malware

The library accepts no responsibility for lost or misplaced items.

The library accepts no responsibility for what patrons access online.

Legal Compliance

The Internet contains all kinds of resources offering many types of information; some information may be offensive to some users. Filtering is provided in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Library internet access cannot be used to access obscene materials, child pornography, or materials harmful to minors as defined by community standards:

- Whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards (not national standards, as some prior tests required), would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
- Whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct or excretory functions specifically defined by applicable state law;
- Whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value

Prohibited Activities

Library staff members have final authority regarding propriety of patron conduct. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Unauthorized access, including hacking
- Piracy
- Accessing or displaying obscene materials
- Cyberbullying
- Bringing food or drink into the lab/computer area
- Identity theft
- Talking on the phone
- Listening to audio without headphones
- Installing software on library computers
- Any behaviors that impair the ability of other patrons to use the library

Enforcement

Patrons perceived to be in violation of this policy will receive:

1. A verbal warning
2. A written warning
3. Banishment from use of the library's public Internet computers

Printing Charges

Patrons will be charged \$0.25 for each page printed in black and white and \$0.50 for each page printed in color.

Wi-Fi

Access to Wi-Fi is covered by the terms of this policy.