

Internet and Public Access Computers

Library Rules:

1. All library cardholders in good standing may access the public computer terminals.
2. Adult Internet users are responsible for the information they choose to view.
3. Parents or guardians are responsible for the information and materials accessed on the public computers and via the wireless network by minors under the age of 18.
4. Computer use privileges for personnel working with minors under the age of 18 are available upon request. (Examples: TSS/Wrap Around/Personal Care)
5. Users of Shaw Public Library, Clearfield County Library, and Curwensville Public Library login to the public computers using their library card.
6. Individuals without a Shaw Public Library card may be issued a Public Computer Visitor Pass with presentation of a valid driver's license or photo identification.
7. Library cardholders and Visitor Pass holders must read and accept the policy and user agreement at each login.
8. Session length for each login is 60 minutes with a maximum of three (3) hours per day per user.
9. A session is renewable if no pending users are in the queue.
10. If all public terminals are in use, a user may register for the next available computer at the signup station.
11. Users may schedule two (2) 60 minute sessions per day.
12. Extended session time may be granted for proctored exams, tests, online classes, and educational webinars and training.

Unacceptable Use:

1. Viewing, transmitting or downloading pornographic materials: "Displaying or causing to display any explicit sexual material (as defined in 18 PA C.S. 5903)...on any...viewing screen in such manner that the display is visible...in any establishment where minors, as part of the general public, may be exposed to view all or any part of such materials". (Penna. Criminal Code-Sect.5903.) This is a felony offense.
2. Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law: transmitting offensive or harassing messages; offering for sale or use any illegal substance; downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret information, or copyrighted materials.
3. Even if materials are not marked with the copyright symbol, users should assume that all materials are protected unless there is explicit permission on the materials to use them.
4. Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property: engaging in defamation (harming another's reputation by lies); impersonating another user; vandalism, including any attempt to harm or destroy data, software or hardware.
5. Uses that compromise the safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications.
6. Uses by minors under the age of 18 that give private information about one's self or others, including credit card and/or social security numbers, disclosing user names and password, or arranging a face-to-face meeting with someone one has "met" on the computer network or Internet without a parent's permission.
7. Uses that jeopardize the security of the computer network, including unauthorized use of personal software programs on the library's computers; altering the library's computer settings or hardware, or damages library equipment or property.

Liability:

1. The library assumes no liability for any loss or damage to user's data or devices, invasion of the user's privacy, or for any personal damage or injury incurred as a result of using the library or wireless network or public access computers.

2. The library is not responsible for the theft of personal computers or other devices, personal property loss or damage.
3. The library assumes no responsibility for any damages to personal equipment and transactions taking place on public computers, direct or indirect, arising from power surges and power outages, use of its Internet server (home pages), Internet connections (wireless or wired), or from its connections to other Internet services.
4. Users acknowledge that security errors and hacking are an inherent risk associated with any wireless Internet service, and agree that they knowingly assume such risk, and further agree to hold the library harmless from any claim or loss arising out of, or related to, any such instance of hacking or other unauthorized use or access into the user's computer.

User Agreement:

1. The library does not act in place of a parent and will not be responsible for enforcing parental restrictions on minors that are beyond the scope of this policy.
2. Internet communications are not private, nor are they confidential. By connecting to the network, users acknowledge all associated risks.
3. Users understand that a person's use of this network leaves electronic information in the public domain.
4. The library will not be held responsible for:
 - a. Any charges incurred by users of the Internet.
 - b. The content or accuracy of information found on the Internet.
 - c. Use of any information obtained via the Internet.
 - d. Any confidential or financial information a user may send over the network.
 - e. Unauthorized security breaches.
 - f. Physical damage to personal devices plugged in to library infrastructure (power, network, etc.).
5. Printing is not supported on the wireless network and/or connecting to the network via a personal device.
6. Users understand that payment for all printouts is done by adding funds to their computer account prior to printing.*
7. The library does not issue refunds to cardholders or visitor passes holders for unused funds. All unused funds remain on a library cardholder's computer account for later use.
8. The library encourages all users to adhere to good computer and network security practices by using a personal firewall, regularly updating antivirus software, and applying all security related patches to personal software.
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Penalties:

The library reserves the right to suspend and/or withdraw access privileges for users and visitors that fail to comply with policies and user agreement as outlined.

*See Service Fee Schedule