

INTERNET USER POLICY

The Green Free Library offers Internet access free to the public. Through the library's time management software program, patrons access the computers using their library cards. A visitor may request a guest pass at the Circulation Desk. If a guest frequents the library, he/she may receive a computer access card (this card does not allow a user to check out library materials) with a \$5.00 donation.

When a parent or legal adult applies for a library card for a minor (child under the age of 18), the adult consents (recognizes) that the minor has access to the Internet.

Access to the Internet will be available during normal library hours. Adults will be able to use a desktop or laptop computer for two 90-minute sessions per day, with one 90 minutes between sessions. Minors will only be able to use the desktop computers, for the same allotted time frame.

Although the Green Free Library is unable to provide computer training, library staff will help patrons make their initial connection. The cost of printing information will be \$0.10 per page.

The computers are filtered to block visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors, but the library also affirms the responsibility of parents to monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources. Any person over the age of eighteen may request at the Circulation Desk that the filter be disabled. Patrons should recognize that the use of the Internet is not private and should be diligent protecting their email, documents, bank accounts, social media accounts, and other private information.

In providing public access to the Internet, the library recognizes the importance of the First Amendment's ideal of freedom of speech and press, and the access to information and ideas which that freedom implies. Library staff will not monitor, control, or restrict access to equipment or the range of information available within the limits of state and/or federal law. Parents or legal guardians who wish to limit the access of their own children to the Internet beyond the range of the filters should personally oversee their use of the Internet and other forms of the electronic information. Minors who visit the library without a parent or legal guardian are responsible for their own decisions and behaviors.

State and/or federal law governing unlawful activities in the use of the library's computer resources apply. "Hacking" and issues of privacy, copyright, trademark, libel, obscenity, and pornography are subject to applicable state and/or federal law. As the Pennsylvania Criminal Code, 18 PA C.S.5903 states: "Display of sexually explicit graphics on any viewing screen is a violation of the Code, and is strictly prohibited."

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Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors are prohibited.

Users are asked to respect the privacy of other users.

Misuse of the computer will result in the loss of computer privileges, potential loss of library privileges, and possible prosecution. Such misuse includes, but is not limited to, violations of the Green Free Library Internet User Policy, damaging or attempting to damage equipment, interfering with library operations, and altering or attempting to alter the library's computer settings.

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