

Freedom Public Library INTERNET & COMPUTER USE POLICIES

A. Access

The Freedom Public Library offers free Internet access to the public through public computing stations and building-wide WIFI access. The Library's public computing stations and wireless networks are not secured or monitored. The Library cannot ensure the confidentiality of credit card or other personal information transmitted through Library computers.

The Library assumes no responsibility for information found on the Internet, which may be inaccurate, offensive, and/or illegal.

The Library and its Trustees support the principle of open access to information and ideas, regardless of the media in which they exist. Access to public computing stations or wireless networks will not be restricted by the Library because of a patron's age. As with other library materials, supervision and restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

B. Guidelines

- Users must sign in at the circulation desk to use a public computing station
- Use of a public computing station is limited to 30 minutes if others are waiting, or at the discretion of the library staff
- Users will not send, receive, or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene or offensive by community standards
- Users will not attempt in any way to purposefully alter, damage, abuse, or sabotage computer equipment or software.
- Users are responsible for any damage to the Library's public computing stations
- Users will use headphones when accessing audio programs. While the library provides headphones, users are strongly encouraged to bring their own.

C. Assistance

The Library is unable to offer extensive computer assistance to users. The Library staff can answer basic questions on searching techniques, or offer troubleshooting assistance with software or equipment.

D. Violations

Users who fail to abide by the Internet & Computer Use policies may have their access privileges revoked for a length of time at the Library Director's discretion.

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