

Internet Access Policy

Casselton Public Library

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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.

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
- A breach of personal data
- Exposure to or infection of Malware

The library accepts no responsibility for lost or misplaced items.

The library accepts no responsibility for what patron's access online.

Legal Compliance

The internet contains all kinds of resources among 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;
- And whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value

Prohibited Activity

Library staff members have final authority over patron conduct and the following prohibited issues, including, but not limited to:

- Unauthorized access, including hacking
- Piracy
- Obscene materials
- Cyberbullying
- Food or drink in 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:

- A verbal warning
- A second verbal warning
- Banishment

Parents are responsible for their child's behavior.

Timed Usage

Usage may be restricted to thirty minutes if there are patrons waiting to use the computers.

Printing Charges

Patrons will be charged ten cents for each side of each page printed

Wi-Fi

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