

INTERNET, COMPUTER, AND Wi-Fi USE POLICY

Internet Use

The Mechanicsville Public Library provides free access to the Internet to all patrons. The Internet is a global entity with no control of users or content. Therefore, available resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The library does not monitor information accessed through the Internet. Library patrons use the Internet at their own risk.

Intellectual Freedom

Just as the library does not restrict access to other material forms and formats, we cannot refuse access to Internet content that someone else may deem objectionable. The principles of intellectual freedom that apply to the traditional monographic library also apply to the modern electronic access library.

Minors

As with other library materials, only parents or guardians may restrict their children, and only their own children, from access to the Internet or other library materials. Neither the library nor its staff are responsible for the Internet information selected and /or accessed by their child/children.

General

The library cannot always guarantee a secure connection and, or a connection in all places.

The library staff is not responsible for any technical difficulties arising while or from using the library's Internet access. The library does not guarantee or troubleshoot connections made on personal computers.

In accordance with Iowa State Law, it is unlawful to display offensive material in a public place where children may be present; this includes pornography, offensive language, and acts of violence. Any user viewing such material will be asked to leave the computer area immediately.

Misuse of the computer may result in suspension or loss of computer privileges. Library staff will assist patrons with basic Internet use as time permits, but cannot offer personal instruction on computer use.

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of any information found on the Internet.

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Use of the Library's Internet connection in an illegal, disruptive, or destructive manner may result in the loss of Internet or library privileges.

Computer Use

Time on a computer is limited to one hour (two 30-minute sessions) per patron, per day, and is on a first come, first served basis. Additional time may be provided at the staff's discretion.

If use of a computer results in disruption of library services as noted in The Library Use Policy, the library reserves the right to end the session at any time.

No more than two users will be permitted at the workstation at one time.

Computers will be available to the public until 10 minutes before closing. Reminders will be announced by the staff. This allows time for the staff to properly shut down the computers.

Occasionally during library programs that occur during regular operating hours the public computers will be off limits to children under twelve (12) years of age.

Users are not permitted to install, delete, or modify library hardware, software or to attempt to bypass security features... If alterations are detected, the patron will be billed for any labor and/or parts required to restore the equipment.

Each user is responsible for complying with copyright law and adhering to software licensing agreements, as well as all local, state, and federal laws including, but not limited to, those concerning fraud, privacy, or obscenity.

Patrons are responsible for their own devices. The Mechanicsville Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's device if there is system failure in the library. Creating, storing, and using personal files is at the patron's risk and the library is not responsible for the loss of personal electronic documents, files, flash-drives, and SD cards.

Color printing is available for 50¢ per page & black and white printing is available for 20¢ per page. ("Page" refers to a single side, therefore double-sided color will cost \$1.00, double side black & white will cost 40¢.)

Wireless Use

All library policies concerning the legal and acceptable use of computers and the Internet, as well as The Library Use policy, apply to patrons using our wireless service.

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Wireless printing is available through your personal device and personal email address. Prices noted above also apply to wireless printing.

Scanning to your wireless device is available to patrons with their own email addresses.

Internet use through the library's mobile hotspots conforms to rules set out in this policy.

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