

5.8 Internet and Technology

5.8.1 Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Library offers computers and internet access as a service to the community. Along with the privilege of using these services comes responsibility for considerate, ethical and legal use. The Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Use of Library computers or internet, acknowledges your acceptance of and agreement to abide by the following guidelines.

The computing resources offered by the Library are to be used in accordance with principles of respect for other users of the system and equipment. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to:

- a. Conducting illegal activity, accessing illegal materials or exhibiting materials which are considered obscene;
 - b. Violating another user's privacy;
 - c. Tampering with library computer hardware or software;
 - d. Attempting to install or run unauthorized software on library computers.
1. Usage time may be limited, depending on the availability of computers and demand.
 2. Library staff can provide basic assistance but cannot offer extensive technical support. Staff may guide users on using the computer or internet, but users are responsible for their own work.
 3. Users are responsible for any damage to library computers or software caused by their actions. The Library may charge fees for repairs or replacements if necessary.
 4. As with other library materials, restriction or monitoring of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.
 5. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's personal equipment, software or data files. Users are encouraged to save their work on personal storage devices, as data saved on library computers may be deleted after a session.
 6. It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and software licensing agreements.
 7. Though the Library makes every effort to maintain a secure network through use of virus protection and firewalls, it cannot guarantee complete privacy of transmitted personal information such as credit card and Social Security numbers. Users are advised to give personal information only through websites that encrypt data with Secure Socket Layering (SSL).

Violation of these terms may result in suspension or revocation of library privileges. Use of the computers for illegal activity may also be subject to prosecution by law enforcement.