

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a resource to be used to support the mission of the Perry Public Library. In providing public access to the Internet, the Library shall be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Act (NCIPA). It is therefore the policy of the Perry Public Library to maintain limited filters on all Internet capable computers as well as on the provided wireless internet. Filters are maintained by the Pioneer Library System and apply to visual depictions of material suspected to be obscene or containing child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Filtering may be disabled by the Pioneer Library System, after a review process to the suspicious website or materials.

The Internet contains a wide variety of material and opinions. The library cannot warranty the timeliness, accuracy or validity of the information, availability of links, or regulate the materials some may find offensive. The library's ability to restrict access to images and information covered by CIPA and NCIPA (materials specified as harmful to children or obscene).

Any patron who is found to be displaying text or images that are defined on a federal or state level as obscene or pornography, violating CIPA, NCIPA or other local, state or federal laws, will be verbally warned once, and have their current session of computer use terminated. If any of these laws or restrictions are violated a second time the patron will lose computer privileges at the library for one year. A third violation after the year suspension will result in permanent termination of computer privileges.

In general, use of the Internet or library computers for activities that violate local, state, or federal laws is prohibited. This includes committing fraud, hacking, or spreading libel or slander. Actions that violate federal, state, or local laws will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Repeated actions that create a disturbance or that may be considered harassment may result in the loss of some or all library privileges. U.S. copyright law governs unauthorized use or distribution of copyrighted material, except as permitted by the Fair Use regulation without permission of the copyright owner. Copyright law also applies to library printers and copiers.

Perry Public Library has multiple computers available for public use. Any adult library card holder in good standing can check out the computers freely. Visitors who do not have a library card and live outside of the library's service area may sign up for an Out of System card, or use a guest account to sign out a computer. Use of computers for

minors is subject to having permission on file from a parent or guardian. When the library computers or wireless internet is used by a minor, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to determine what information is appropriate and suitable. Except in the case of obscenity or child pornography that may get through the filtering software, the library staff cannot, and will not, censor any information from the internet. Due to the inability of the library staff to censor material parents/guardians can withhold permission from minors to use the library computers. However, access to the wireless internet offered by the library cannot be limited in the same way. If a minor has a wireless internet-enabled device, and a guardian allows them to visit the library, they can use the wireless internet even if the parent or guardian has not signed off on access to public computers. Parents or guardians will be made aware of this when signing the child up for a library card.

Patrons are limited to a 60-minute session on the computers, though they are allowed unlimited renewals unless another patron is waiting to use a computer. Use of computers is always on a first-come-first-serve basis. Use of one computer terminal is limited to two people. As with any library material patrons are responsible for damage to the computers, including any software issues that may be created by improper use (such as downloading a virus or other form of malware). In order to limit potential damage to computers all files that are downloaded, created or otherwise introduced to the library computers during a patron's session are automatically deleted when the computers restart each night. This includes any internet or search history.

While library staff is willing to help patrons with any technical issues they have while using a computer, they can only offer help when time and staffing allows. Aside from publicly posted library technology training sessions, a patron should never assume that the library staff will be available to assist them with a technical issue.

Patrons who use the computers or wireless internet are subject to the Perry Public Library's Code of Conduct Policy, the same as any other patron. If a patron makes too much noise on a computer, or is otherwise disruptive, as outlined in that policy, they are subject to the corrective measures outlined in that policy.

While library computers are free to use, printing at the Perry Public Library is subject to a nominal fee to compensate for the material cost. The library director sets these fees and the fees are subject to change anytime without warning.

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