



Fayetteville Free Library Patron Internet and Computer Use Policy

Overview

In keeping with its mission to support the evolving needs of our community by providing equitable access to ideas, information, and resources needed for success in 21st Century life, the Fayetteville Free Library (FFL) provides access to computers and the Internet available to all patrons in good standing. The FFL also provides wireless access to our patrons for use with their mobile/portable devices.

Computer Use Rules

To ensure the safe use of the computers and wireless network, patrons are required to follow the following rules:

1. Patrons must abide by the Patron Code of Conduct at all times while using the computers or wireless network.
2. Only library-provided software may be used on library computers. Software owned or supplied by patrons may not be installed or used.
3. Patrons may not alter or attempt to alter the setup of library computers
4. Patrons are strongly encouraged to bring their own devices (i.e. flash drive) for saving data. No patron data can be stored on library computers.
5. Patrons may not use the library computers or wireless network for illegal or criminal purposes.
6. Being that libraries are open and public spaces, images prohibited by NYS Penal Laws, §245.11, §263.11 and §263.16 may not be displayed in the library.
7. Patrons are asked to respect the privacy of others using computers or mobile/portable devices while in the library.
8. Computers are limited to use by one individual at a time. However, some exceptions may be made in the for case where individuals are unable to use a computer on their own.
9. Patrons are responsible for logging out of any sites, email accounts, social media accounts, or any other personal accounts prior to signing out of the library computer.
10. Patrons using a library computer should exit the web browser before moving away from the computer.
11. Patrons wishing to use a library computer must sign in to the computer using a valid Onondaga County Public Library card. In special circumstances, patrons may request a one-time use guest pass from the front service desk.

12. Patrons may not use multiple library cards for any reason. This includes any attempts to increase their allotted time or to circumvent printing limitations.
13. As there are a limited number of computers available to the public, the FFL reserves the right to enforce a time limit during high occupancy times.
14. Patron computers are available free of charge. (Note: printing is not free, please see the FFL Patron Access to Printers and Copiers Procedure)

Filtering

The FFL reserves the right to install filtering software on selected library computers, specifically computers designated for access by children. Please note that while filtering software is a good first line of defense, it cannot be relied upon to be completely effective. The library recommends that parents monitor their child's computer use.

Disclaimers

- The FFL is not responsible for any damage done to users' equipment and/or data by any malicious software, which may have been installed on or through library equipment.
- The FFL is not responsible for any damage done to patrons' data, hardware, or software as a result of malfunctioning library hardware or software.
- Information passing through the FFL's open public wireless network could be monitored, captured, or altered by others. The FFL is not responsible for damage to, loss of, or theft of your data.
- Patron computers and access to the Internet are to be used at your own risk. The FFL cannot guarantee the accuracy, completeness, currency, or acceptability of information available on the Internet.
- The FFL will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by our patrons except as required by law, pursuant to a subpoena or as necessary for the proper operation of the FFL.

Compliance

Failure to follow the rules outlined in this policy may result in the loss of the privilege to use the public computers and/or wireless network available at the FFL. Illegal activity involving these resources will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.