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 public computers and the Internet available to all patrons in good standing. The FFL also provides wireless access for use with patrons' mobile and portable devices.

Public Computer and Network Use Rules

To ensure the safe use of the public computers and wireless network, patrons are required to follow the following rules:
1. Patrons must abide by the Patron Code of Conduct and all federal, state, and local laws at all times while using the computers and/or network. Limitations include but are not limited to:
   - Patrons may not use the library's computers or internet to access material that is legally defined as obscenity, child pornography, or harmful to minors
   - Patrons may not engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory
   - Patrons may not use the library's network for unauthorized access or "hacking" into any electronic, informational or communication services or resources
   - Patrons must comply with U.S. copyright laws (Title 17, U.S. Code) when using library resources. The FFL is not responsible for any copyright violations by patrons.
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. No patron data can be permanently stored on library computers. All Patron data is cleared from library public computers when they log out of their session. Usage records are maintained only as necessary for library operations and statistical reporting. Patrons wishing to save their data beyond a single use session should use cloud storage or a flash drive to do so.
5. Patrons should respect the privacy of others using computers or mobile/portable devices while in the library.
6. Computers in the Computer Lab are limited to use by one individual at a time. However, some exceptions may be made in the case where individuals are unable to use a computer on their own.
7. Patrons are responsible for protecting their information and accounts when using public computers. This includes, but is not limited to:
   - Signing out of all accounts
   - Deleting any data or file they saved on the machine
   - Protecting personal information from potential interception or theft
   - Not leaving computers or devices unattended
   - Ending public computer sessions

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8. Patrons wishing to use a library computer must sign in to the computer using a valid Onondaga County Public Library card. Visitors who reside outside of Onondaga County and are in the area temporarily may request a one-time use guest pass from the front service desk.
9. Patrons may not use multiple library cards for any reason. This includes any attempts to increase their allotted time or to circumvent printing limitations.
10. To ensure fair access, the FFL reserves the right to enforce time limits.

Filtering

The FFL reserves the right to install filtering software on selected library computers, particularly those 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 expects that parents will monitor their child's computer use.

Disclaimers

- The FFL is not liable for damage done to patrons' hardware, software, or data resulting from library equipment or malicious content encountered through said equipment or the internet.
- Information transmitted over the library's public wireless network may be monitored, captured, or altered by others. Patrons use the wireless network at their own risk.
- The FFL cannot guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of information available on the Internet. Patrons are encouraged to use Internet resources critically and responsibly.
- The FFL does not release information about patrons' use of the Internet or library computers except as required by law, pursuant to a subpoena, or as necessary for library operations.

Compliance

Failure to adhere to the rules outlined in this policy may result in the suspension or loss of library privileges.

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