

Mount Morris Library

121 Main Street

Mount Morris, New York 14510

Public Access Computer Use Policy

Eligibility

Any Mount Morris Library patron over age 8 is eligible to use the computers. Patrons beneath the age of 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Parents' Rights and Responsibilities

The Library affirms that it is the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their minor children's use of library materials, including Internet access.

Basic Rules of Computer Use

General Use

- Patron computer usage will not ordinarily be timed, however, Library staff reserve the right to limit patrons' computer time to 60 minutes in order to accommodate patron needs during high-demand situations.
- Library staff will provide reasonable assistance to patrons regarding technology.
- Due to space constraints, computer use is limited to a maximum of two people per computer workstation.
- Use of the Internet for activities that violate local, state, or federal laws is prohibited.
- Display of sexually explicit graphics is inappropriate in a public environment. The Library reserves the right to ask users to refrain from displaying inappropriate computer images.
- The Library staff is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the computers. Users should report problems to staff immediately.
- Unauthorized access to the Mount Morris Library (MML) computer or the Pioneer Library System (PLS) is strictly prohibited. Users will not engage in any such activity

or attempt to access the MML or PLS computer system for the purpose of altering or manipulating hardware or software.

- Patrons must not purposely alter, install, remove or damage computer software or hardware, including library files or settings.

Charges

- The cost to repair damage knowingly caused by any patron to library computers or their peripherals will be charged to that patron. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for the charges of patrons under the age of 18.
- The Library reserves the right to charge patrons per printed page for any documents/pictures printed from the public access computers.

Privacy

- Use of the Internet and the World Wide Web cannot be considered secure. Therefore patrons should consider their Internet activity as public information and limit their activities accordingly.
- Non-library files on the computer hard drive, the contents of the temporary folders and the cache, as well as the location bar on the Internet browsers, will be deleted daily.
- The Mount Morris Library will treat information displayed on its computers and/or printers, including its patron and circulation records as confidential. Requests for disclosure of information will only be honored when required by local, state, or federal law.

Disclaimer

The library is not responsible for any damage to or loss of data resulting from the use of our public access computers. We have no control over the availability of our network access, or inability to connect to any site due to excessive traffic on the Internet, or the availability of information links, which change frequently. The library is not responsible for the quality of the information received over the Internet. Users are responsible for evaluating data received.

All users, and, in the case of those under 18, users' parents, will be held responsible for any damage done to library equipment or software.

Legal Issues

We do not condone, nor will we tolerate, the use of library computer resources to break any law including, but not limited to, the Telecommunications Decency Act: "Whoever in interstate or foreign communications by means of a telecommunications device knowingly makes, creates, or solicits, and initiates transmission of any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass another person ... shall be fined under Title 18 United States Code, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both." Computer resources may be used only for legal purposes.

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