

Computer & Internet Use Policy

The Bell Memorial Library provides public access to the Internet as one resource to fulfill the Library's mission. The Internet expands the scope of information. It is, however, an unregulated medium that changes constantly/unpredictably. The Library is not responsible for the quality/accuracy of information. Patrons are responsible for evaluating information. Parents/guardian of the child under 18 are required to sign a parental permission form allowing Internet access for the child.

Patrons who have a valid Library OWWL card that is clean of fines and overdue items may sign in at the desk to use a computer. This applies to a parent/guardian signing in for a minor (anyone under the age of ten (10)). Patrons who are outside the OWWL Library System may have access to a computer. They must sign in at the desk.

Free computer use is available in thirty (30) minute sessions on a first come/first serve basis. If no one is waiting at the end of the session, additional time may be requested.

Only two (2) patrons, registered for the computer, are allowed at a computer at a time. Patrons ten (10) years and older may use the computer alone. It is the right/responsibility of a parent/guardian to supervise a minor's use of the Internet at all times. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is followed.

Use of computer resources for activities that violate local, state, federal law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to activities such as viewing child pornography, committing fraud, hacking, unauthorized access, or spreading libel or slander.

Patrons may print computer information for \$.15 a page for black/white, \$.20 for double sided black and white, \$.25 a page for color and \$.30 for double sided color.

Patrons may not make any changes in any program setup or hard drive configuration. Patrons may save files to a computer, but assume responsibility for content/privacy of said files. Any files saved to a computer will be lost once the computer is shut down at the end of the patron's session.

Any damage to a computer or its peripheral devices is the responsibility of the patron. Abuse of the equipment will result in the patron being denied further access to the service. Malicious

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damage may result in prosecution.

Computer access hours will be from opening until closing. Reservations may be made. Computers will automatically shut down. Patrons will receive a notification on the monitor when the computer is about to be shut down.

Free WiFi access is for use with laptop/other wireless devices is available. While the Library's content filtering software applies to wireless usage, public wireless network is accessible for all users without restriction. Virus and security protection is the user's responsibility.

The Library assumes no responsibility for any alterations/interference with a device's configuration, operation, or data files resulting from connection to the wireless network. Due to insurance limitations/warranties, library staff cannot configure user's devices. Virus/security protection is the user's responsibility. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to user's equipment, software, data files, other personal property brought into/used at the Library.

The Library cannot guarantee that the wireless service will be available at any specific time. The connection shall not be used for illegal/time-consuming commercial purposes or for purposes that infringe on patrons' access to equal bandwidth.

Users shall defend, indemnify, and hold Bell Memorial Library, officers, employees, agents harmless against all claims, actions, judgements based upon/arising out of user's use of Library wireless connections.

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