

Computer/Wireless Internet Use and Filtering Policy

Policy

The Morgan County Library District provides internet access as an extension of its commitment to meeting the informational needs of the community. There is no charge to use the computers and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The library cannot guarantee confidentiality or safety on the internet. The library is not responsible for the content available on the internet and assumes no responsibility for the use of information obtained this way.

Use and Filtering

1. Must show government issued photo id or library card for the Morgan County Library.
2. Computers may be used by people of any age, but those younger than 16 must have a library card with a parent's or guardian's signature in order to log on to any computer.
3. Anyone using the library's public access computers, wireless internet (Wi-Fi), hardware, software or documentation does so at his or her own risk. The library does not accept responsibility for injury to or loss of documents or personal devices. Users are responsible for saving their own work and for asking for assistance if needed.
4. The Morgan County Library building and Stover Lending Library (housed at The Ranch House) provide wireless internet access.
5. Personal files or software cannot be saved on the hard drives of any of the library's computers. You must save any work to your own removable USB flash drive before your computer time is up. Bring your own headphones or purchase them from the library (\$1.00 for earbuds).
6. There are computers for children in the library that do not have internet access and instead feature a variety of educational games. An adult should supervise any preschool and primary school-age children who need help reading instructions or need other assistance to use any of the computers.
7. 90 minutes of public computer use per day. Depending on computer availability and needs (taking tests, filling out applications, etc.), you can request a longer amount of time. The internet computers will monitor your time and automatically shut down when your time limit is reached.
8. Printing is available for 10 cents per page for black and white copies. Please ask for assistance if you are having trouble printing or do not know how many pages will print. Please be sure to complete all print jobs before your computer time expires, and check to make sure everything has printed properly before you log out or close your document.
9. Librarians will provide limited assistance to patrons/public with their own computers or library public computers.
10. Because the library is a public space, the library requires that you use the internet computers in a responsible manner. This includes respecting the rights of others, not invading the privacy of others and not engaging in any activity that is harassing as defined in the DBRL Rules for Behavior or that could reasonably be considered a violation of state or federal law. Failure to abide by these standards may result in a verbal warning, a written warning, loss of computer privileges or removal from the building.

11. Access to the internet through the Library must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others, and taking care with use of the equipment. Computer and internet settings may not be changed. Computers may not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Missouri, or local laws. Violation of current Missouri law (Missouri Revised Statutes 573.010 and 573.060).
12. As required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, all internet-accessible computers are filtered with a technology protection measure to block access to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

NOTICE: Violating the rules above, or any of the library's "Patron Behavior/Conduct Policy," and/or abusing other computer users, staff, hardware, or software may result in the loss of computer privileges.

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