

Library Internet Policy

Stromsburg Public Library

The library internet may be used for educational, informational, and recreational, but **not illegal**, purposes. Since the Internet is an unregulated global electronic network, controversial and offensive material is available there. Patrons who use the Internet do so “at their own risk.” The library cannot censor or monitor access to constitutionally protected material, but the library affirms the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their children’s use of library materials and resources.

Filtering software has been purchased and installed on all public access computers. Be advised that filters are limited in their effectiveness. They may not block all offensive material and they may unnecessarily block inoffensive material. Library staff will disable filters for reasonable requests that do not violate library policies.

Stromsburg Public Library provides free, unfiltered Wi-Fi access throughout its facilities for users with devices capable of receiving wireless signals. A password will be needed each month to allow users to access the Internet from their devices during library hours.

Stromsburg Public Library has iPads available for patron use while in the library. iPads may be requested at the front desk. There is a children’s iPad with children’s apps uploaded as well as an adult iPad.

Wi-Fi printing is also available for patrons in the library. Patrons may print from the public access computers or from their own device. Please bring copies to the front desk to pay for them.

Acceptable Use

Because the library seeks to protect the patron’s right of access, ensure the safety of public and staff, and protect library resources and facilities, the library prohibits any violation of federal, Nebraska state and local laws. Library management has determined that the following activities constitute unacceptable use of the library:

- Transmitting or receiving child pornography. Access to or display of obscene language and sexually explicit graphics is not permitted. Users may not view or print sexually explicit materials inappropriate for use in a public setting.
- Fraud – Users are prohibited from misrepresenting themselves as another user, attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others, seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
 - Downloading or copyrighted material as set forth in U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code), which prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials except as permitted by the principles of “fair use.” Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials without the explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Terms and Conditions for use of Wi-Fi

- You will need a device equipped for wireless access.
- The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment, laptop configurations, security or changes to data files resulting from connection to the Library’s network.

- Library staff will not provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be made that you will be able to make a wireless connection.
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- Those under 18 years of age will be required to have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian before accessing the Internet.
- Public computers and iPads are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Patrons may call to reserve a specific time to use the computer. Those 16 or under are limited to 30 minutes on the computer at a time, not exceeding 1 hour a day. Those 16 and over have a 30 minute time limit if others are waiting to use the computer.
- Printing costs are \$.20 plus tax per page for black on white. Color copies are \$.50 plus tax per page.
- Users may not install any software on library computers or attempt in any way to alter, damage, abuse, or sabotage computer equipment or software. Users are liable for costs arising from malicious damage to library equipment or software.
- Internet privileges may be terminated immediately and permanently for any behavior that the librarian deems a misuse of the computer or that causes a disruption in the library.