

Internet Policy

Stromsburg Public Library

Computers 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.

- ❖ Those under 18 years of age will be required to have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian before accessing the Internet.
- ❖ Computers 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.
- ❖ Users may not view or print sexually explicit materials inappropriate for use in a public setting.
- ❖ Users may not violate licensing agreements or Copyright Laws.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Computer 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.