



LEON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Internet Use Policy

The internet is a worldwide computer network providing easy access to a massive body of information. The information and resources available on the internet expand the library's information services beyond traditional collections. Not all internet sources provide accurate, complete or current information, and some may be offensive. The internet is a rapidly changing environment. The library does not monitor and has no control over the internet and is not responsible for its content. We have CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act) compliant filters installed on our computers. Users are responsible for determining that the information they access is acceptable, reliable, and suitable to their needs. As with all library materials, parents, guardians and caregivers are responsible for their children's use of the internet. Restrictions of a child's access to the internet is the right and responsibility of the parent or guardian: the library does not have the right or responsibility to act in loco parentis.

Rules for Use

- 1) Anyone wishing to use a computer must sign a form stating that they have read and understand the Library's Internet Use Policy.
- 2) Computers are available for patron use during all open library hours.
- 3) You may reserve time on a computer — up to 1 hour per day. If you don't show up by 15 minutes after your reserved time, your reserve is forfeited.
- 4) Additional time on the computer may be available on a walk-in basis. If no one has a computer reserved when you come in, you are welcome to use it. You may continue to use the computer longer than an hour as long as no one is waiting or has a reserve.
- 5) The use of personal software on the Library computers is **not** allowed.
- 6) The library's e-mail account is for the sole use of library staff. There are many free e-mail providers on the web which may be used by library patrons.
- 7) Certain internet practices are contrary to library purposes and disrupt and interfere with fair and public use of the library facilities and equipment. The practices include, but are not limited to the following and are prohibited:
 - any illegal activity
 - unsolicited advertising
 - chain letters
 - spreading computer viruses
 - unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material
 - damage to any library equipment
 - activities designed for profit
 - hacking (breaking into any system)
 - harassment of other users
- 8) Because of the openly visible location of the library's computers, we cannot allow viewing of pornography or obscene (according to local standards) sites.
- 9) Each patron is expected to conduct themselves respectfully towards other patrons in the library and especially in the close quarters of the computer workstations. The library rules of behavior are to be followed and will be enforced by library personnel.



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Misuse of a computer or internet access will result in the loss of your computer privileges and/or expulsion from the library. The length of the suspension is at the discretion of the library staff and/or Board of Trustees.

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