Jackson County Public Library

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Since the Internet is not subject to regulation, users may encounter sites they consider offensive or controversial. All computers in the Jackson County Public Library are subject to filtering in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Be advised that no filtering software is totally foolproof and it may occasionally fail to block access to a site that an individual may deem inappropriate. It may also occasionally block access to a site that may not be considered offensive.

Internet users must be cautious in the selection of sites they choose to use. The Internet is not secure or private. The Library is not responsible for any misuse of personal information you provide online.

The Library is not responsible for any damage to storage devices, personal devices, or ~~and~~ data, including viruses, should any occur when using a library computer or the library internet connection.

Parents or designated guardians who wish to limit or restrict the access of their own children should personally oversee their use of the Internet and other forms of electronic information. To prevent a child under 18 from being allowed to use the Internet, parents must come to the library and sign an Internet permission suspension card.

When using library computers, users are expected to abide by these guidelines:

- Computer users are expected to use equipment in ways that avoid harm to user or equipment; respect the privacy of other computer users; and respect other library users and the library by using resources in a responsible manner. The Library reserves the right to end any Internet session if materials being displayed are deemed inappropriate for public viewing.
- Users of the Internet are responsible for copyright compliance in accordance with U.S. Copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code). All consequences of copyright infringement or any other illegal activity lie with the user. Jackson County Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.
- The Library is responsible only for information at myjclibrary.org. The Library is not and cannot be responsible for the content, availability, or accuracy of material produced by any other entity or for any web sites linked to or from the Library's web site.
- Library staff can and will assist with computer use as time allows, but for in-depth training, users are encouraged to ~~participate in computer classes~~ schedule a one-on-one computer class offered at the library and elsewhere.
- In order to recoup the cost of consumable printing supplies, the Library charges 10 cents per printed page for black and white prints and 25 cents per page for color. To keep printers in good condition, only Library supplied paper may be used.
- The Library reserves the right to implement additional administrative rules necessary from time to time for equitable computer use.

Use of the Internet by Children

It is the parent or guardian who sets family standards and values and, therefore, the library cannot usurp that right nor assume that responsibility. The Internet, since it should be no different than TV and movies, books and magazines, is an opportunity for parents/guardians to hold discussions with their children about their family's standards. We strongly recommend that parents/guardians work with their children when they are using the Internet.

The public library, unlike schools, does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent) in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests solely with parents or guardians.

The following are recommended guidelines for parents and guardians to ensure that children have positive online experiences, whether at home or in the library.

- Use the Internet as a family. Join your children in Internet exploration.
- Explore the wide range of available information and tell your children about sites you consider inappropriate for them.
- Encourage children to use sites recommended on the Library's website and counsel them to avoid sites you consider unsuitable.
- Provide guidelines for your children on the amount of time they spend online, just as for television viewing.
- Instruct children NEVER to give out personal information (name, address, password, telephone number, credit card number) when using email, chat rooms, instant messaging, or any other online service.
- Teach children to be good online consumers. As with print information, consider the source, date, and accuracy of online information.

Computer Classroom

The Seymour Library's computer classroom is used to hold technology classes for the general public. When such classes are not in session, the classroom may be reserved at no charge by any non-profit group for training and/or classes. For a $30 donation per hour plus tax, businesses and commercial groups may use the classroom only for employee educational purposes, board meetings and training. Reservations may be made by going to http://www.myjclibrary.org/reservation, going to any Jackson County Public Library Service Desk, or calling 812-522-3412 ext. 1243. An adult trainer or instructor must be present to supervise use of the facility at all times. All of the computer use guidelines mentioned above apply when using the classroom.

Wireless Network Access

The Library has made several wireless access points available for public use. Users may bring their own devices and connect to the Library's wireless network to use the Internet, check their email, etc. Due to the wide range of devices, Library staff may not be available to assist users; users are expected to know how to configure their devices in order to connect to the network.

All of the computer use guidelines mentioned above applies when using the wireless network, and connections are also monitored by the library's Internet filtering software.

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