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. Cellular data WiFi hotspots are not filtered and are used at the users' own risk.

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 data, including viruses, should any occur when using a library computer, library internet connection, or cellular data WiFi hotspot connection checked out from the library.

The library also offers Roku streaming devices for checkout. Personal data such as service logins or payment information should never be entered into these devices. The library is not responsible for any information entered into the device or content viewed with it.

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 schedule a one-on-one training session offered at the library.
- In order to recoup the cost of consumable printing supplies, the library charges 10 cents per printed side for black and white prints and 25 cents per side 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 social media, 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.

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. 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. The library also offers printing from some wireless devices to the Seymour Library computer lab and the branch photocopiers at the same rates listed above.

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

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