



# 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 and an Android based projector 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The library is responsible only for information at [myjclibrary.org](http://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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The library reserves the right to implement additional administrative rules necessary from time to time for equitable computer use.

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## **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.

1. Use the Internet as a family. Join your children in Internet exploration.
2. Explore the wide range of available information and tell your children about sites you consider inappropriate for them.
3. Encourage children to use sites recommended on the library's website and counsel them to avoid sites you consider unsuitable.
4. Provide guidelines for your children on the amount of time they spend online, just as for television viewing.
5. 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.
6. Teach children to be good online consumers. As with print information, consider the source, date, and accuracy of online

## **Wireless Network Access**

1. 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 information. The United States government has created a resource to learn more about digital literacy: <https://informationliteracy.gov/page/digital-literacy-0>.
2. Discourage children from trusting large language model chat services, marketed as AI or artificial intelligence, as a primary source of verified information. Any information provided should be verified outside of the chat service. Internet search results are often summarized through these services, and these summaries should not be assumed to be accurate.

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.

## **Social Media**

The Jackson County Public Library (JCPL) is committed to using social media to inform users about educational opportunities, library programs, events (including those co-sponsored with other organizations) and materials as well as to encourage dialogue between users and library staff. In this context, social media is any website or application that allows people to share information or converse in a virtual environment and to "post" is defined as placing any content in any form on any JCPL social

medium. Examples of social media include but are not limited to Facebook, X, Pinterest, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and blogs.

Users of all ages must be cautious when they post on or view any social media. The library is not responsible for any misuse of personal information posted on social media. As with all other resources provided by JCPL, parents or guardians are responsible for the use by their children. The library does not act in place of a parent or guardian and is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions upon minors that a parent or guardian has placed. Parents or designated guardians who wish to limit or restrict the access of their own children should personally oversee their use of social media.

User comments, posts, and messages are welcome on JCPL social media. The library reserves the right to monitor content posted on its social media and to modify or remove any content that it deems, in its sole discretion, to be abusive, offensive, defamatory, commercial or spam, in violation of copyright, trademark right or other intellectual property right of any third party, or otherwise inappropriate. The library, in addition, reserves the right to edit or modify posts for space while retaining the intent of the original post, and to reproduce comments, posts and messages in other media outlets. Users should have no expectation of privacy in posts on the library's social media. Posts do not necessarily reflect the opinions or positions of the library, its employees, or its Board of Trustees.

By posting on the library's social media, users give the library permission to use their name, profile picture, and the content of any posting they make without compensation to them or liability on the part of the library. The library reserves the right to post pictures from library sponsored or co-sponsored programs on social media. The library will not identify members of the public in social media posts through accompanying text or photograph highlighting within the platform itself (typically called "tagging") without verbal or written consent. If the subject is under 18 years old, consent must be given by the parent or legal guardian. The library is not responsible for members of the public being identified by third parties either in comments or by tagging.

The library does not collect, maintain or otherwise use personal information stored on any third party social media. Users may add or remove themselves from the library's list of followers at their discretion, according to the capabilities offered by such third party sites. Users should be aware that third party sites have their own privacy policies and proceed accordingly. Social media used by the library includes opt-out from further contact.

By participating in JCPL's social media, each user and employee agrees to abide by the library's policies and all applicable federal, state and local laws. Users also agree to indemnify the Jackson County Public Library, its Board of Trustees and employees from and against all liabilities, judgments, damages, and costs (including attorney's fees) that arise out of or are related to the content posted by said user.

The library is responsible only for content that it posts. The library is not and cannot be responsible for the content, availability, or accuracy of posts by users or any other entity or for any websites linked to or from the library's social media.

The library's social media may be considered public records under Indiana Public Records laws. If requested, the library may be compelled to disclose public records to third party requestors.