



Public Internet Access Policy

The provides access to a broad range of information resources, including free access to the Internet for informal and educational use. The Internet is a global electronic information infrastructure, a network of computer networks created and used by governments, businesses, organizations, educators, and individuals. The Internet is not subject to regulations that assure the content or accuracy of information.

Users should critically evaluate sources for accuracy, completeness, and currency. The or any other entity exercises no control over its content. Some people may find some materials on the Internet offensive. Internet resources are provided equally to all persons with a valid library card from the Marion County Public Library, and to non-residents without a library card through the use of a guest pass issued at the circulation desk.

The registration form for a library card also includes an Internet Use statement. **A parent or guardian of children under the age of fifteen (15) must select whether the child is to have unlimited access to the Internet or access only in the presence of that parent or guardian.**

Computer users are required to check out the computers just as they would other library materials. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege.

Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer integrity
- Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software
- Violation of another user's privacy
- Transmission of threatening, obscene or harassing materials
- Sending or receiving e-mail via the library's computer (other than via a Web-based mail provider)
- Violation of state obscenity and federal sexual harassment laws, which prohibit printing or display of sexually explicit materials in public places
- Violation of copyright laws and software licensing agreements
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Accessing subscription services or fee based services
- Using the computer for illegal or criminal purposes

- Using the computer to 'hack' the local or any other system.

Abuse or misuse of equipment, software or policies will be grounds for revocation of privileges or possible legal action.

The first offense will result in a one-month suspension.

A second offense will result in a complete suspension of privileges.

The computers are available on a first come, first served basis for a one-hour session. Extension of the session may be granted if no other user is waiting.

Library staff can provide basic help on Internet use and start up procedures. Staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the Internet or personal computer use. Printouts are available at ten cents per page and twenty-five cents for color. Files or documents may be saved only on a removable storage device. Patrons may bring their own storage device, but it must be scanned for viruses before use. Disks may be purchased from the library.