

Policy #12 Internet Use

Desktop computers with internet connection and wireless internet (wi-fi) are available for patrons to use. The Booth and Dimock Memorial Library does not monitor and has no control over information accessed and sent through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Filters are not used by the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library to restrict access to information on the internet.

The Library has computer workstations designated for children and teens. Minors are welcome to access internet on the library's computers and wi-fi, but library staff, including staff specialized in youth services, do not act in loco parentis. Staff cannot enforce rules of the family, or monitor or restrict any minor's use of technology or the internet.

Users must agree to abide by these stipulations and understandings:

- Computer usage is limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting. Additional time may be available if no one is waiting. Computers will be turned off 10 minutes prior to closing.
- Patrons are expected to notify staff about any malfunctions or errors.
- Black and white and color printing is available. The library charges \$0.10 for black and white and \$0.25 for color copies, to be paid at the circulation desk. Patrons are expected to pay for copies that are the result of user error, but are not expected to pay for copies that are the result of equipment malfunction.
- Patrons may not save documents and files to the computer
- Internet access is provided with the understanding it will be used in an ethical manner for educational, recreational, and informational purposes only.
- The reception, transmission, or display of sexually explicit images, messages, cartoons, or any transmission or use of communications containing ethnic slurs, racial epithets, or any other material that may be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or religious or political beliefs is prohibited.
- Be aware that because the workstations are in public areas shared by people of all ages and sensibilities, privacy cannot be guaranteed. Each user is ultimately responsible for the selection of sites and should be aware that other library users may be involuntarily exposed to what is displayed, including personal information.
- The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library is not liable or responsible for any loss or damage incurred by any library user accessing the Internet through the library's public use computers. This includes, but is not limited to, any loss associated by buying or selling merchandise or services through the Internet, theft of credit card or other financial data, any personal information disclosed through the Internet, or any other information or data transmitted through the Internet.

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