

Lettie W. Jensen Public Library

Internet and Computer Use Policy

Purpose: The Lettie Jensen Public Library provides Internet access. We make this service as part of our mission to establish individual informational needs for day-to-day living, cultural, educational and leisure pursuits. The library serves people of all ages at all levels of need and considers its endorsement of the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read documents to apply to the use of electronic information.

By logging onto a Library computer, or by connecting to Library Wi-Fi, you agree to the terms of this policy. The Library may observe any individual's use to ensure adherence to this policy.

Illegal and Unacceptable Use

Patrons may only use the Library's computers and networks for legal purposes. Unacceptable use of Library resources may result in denial of service. Illegal acts involving Library resource may be subject to prosecution.

Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to:

- Any illegal activity
- Display of explicit or pornographic material
- Harassment of others or violation of their privacy
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library
- Unauthorized copying of copyrighted materials
- Unauthorized changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware
- Open food and/or uncovered beverages at or near Library computers
- Disruptive behavior
- Unwillingness to follow Library staff instructions

Privacy

Library computers are public, and users should have no expectation of privacy. We are not responsible for privacy practices of any websites accessed by patrons.

Computer use information, as well as library cardholder information, is confidential as defined through Library Policy. All files are removed and internet search history is deleted from library computers at the end of each user's session.

Responsibilities of Users

Access, use or dissemination of information via the Internet in the library is the responsibility of the user. Patrons are responsible for all printing and photocopying costs which are specified in the sign located at our front desk. Failure to pay for printing will result in loss of computer privileges.

Personal Equipment

Users are responsible for any personal devices that connect to our network. The Library is not responsible for damages to personal equipment.

Liability

The Library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its equipment and resources. The Library accepts no liability for loss of privacy or data patrons may experience, or any damage or harm arising from such loss.

Internet Safety and Use by Children

A minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Parents or legal guardians may block access to the Library's computers for their minor children. However, Wi-Fi may still be accessible on mobile devices. Wi-Fi may also be accessible on Library-owned devices during Library-sponsored programs and activities.

In compliance with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA), OPL filters all Internet computers and wireless signals available through the library.

Children under the age of 8 cannot use Library computers unless supervised by a parent or legal guardian or caregiver.

Time Limits

The Library reserves the right to set time limits to so that all users have an opportunity to access the Library's computers and the right to limit the number of users of a single computer.

Help

Library staff is available for basic assistance only.

Access

Library computer users must log on to a Library computer with their own Library Card or Guest Pass. A Library Card is not required to connect to Wi-Fi with a personal device. Users must read and accept the Internet Use Policy.

Guest Passes

Adults must present photo identification to get a Guest Pass. Library Cardholders must be in good standing to get a Guest Pass.

Computer Guest Passes are reserved for:

- Library Cardholders who do not have their library card with them
- Adults who are visiting and expecting not to come back within a year's time
- Minors who are visiting and not expected to come back within a year's time. They must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who has given them permission to get a guest pass
- Adults with a Library Card accompanied by children in the Children's Library

Disclaimers

The Library's wireless networks are offered as unsecure wireless networks. Users should use wireless access accordingly. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof.

Users must use the Internet at their own risk. Not all sources on the Internet are accurate, complete, legal, trustworthy, or up-to-date. The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof.