

# Public Library Internet Use Policy — Summary

## Purpose

Our library provides public internet access to support **learning, research, and community connection**.

Use of the library's internet services implies acceptance of this policy.

We uphold the **American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights**, supporting free and open access to information.

## Access

- Public computers and Wi-Fi are available to all patrons in **good standing**.
- Access may require a **library card or guest pass**.
- **Time limits** may apply during busy periods.
- The library cannot guarantee complete **privacy or uninterrupted service**.

## Acceptable Use

Patrons must use internet services **responsibly, ethically, and legally**.

The following activities are **not permitted**:

- Viewing or sharing obscene or illegal material.
- Harassment, threats, or hate speech.
- Hacking, spreading malware, or altering library systems.
- Users must respect **copyright and intellectual property laws**.

## Privacy & Security

- The library respects patron privacy but **cannot guarantee confidentiality** on public networks.
- Users are responsible for protecting personal information and logging out of accounts.
- The library complies with all applicable **local, state, and federal laws**.

## Filtering & Children's Access

- In compliance with the **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**, filtering software limits access to inappropriate content on youth computers.
- **Parents or guardians** are responsible for monitoring their children's internet use.
- Staff provide guidance but cannot supervise individual sessions.

## Staff Assistance

- Staff offer **basic help** with internet and computer use as time permits.
- The library may provide **digital literacy workshops** to promote safe and effective online use.

## Enforcement

- Violations may result in **loss of computer or library privileges**.
- Illegal activities may be reported to **law enforcement**.
- Enforcement is fair, consistent, and in line with library policy.

## Liability

The library is **not responsible** for:

- Loss or damage to data, files, or devices.
  - Accuracy or reliability of online information.
- Use the internet **at your own risk**.

## Policy Review

This policy is reviewed **every four years** or as needed.