



Computer and Internet Use Policy

The mission of the Batesville Memorial Public Library is to help the people of our community in their pursuits of information and education, as well as vocational and recreational endeavors, by providing up-to-date materials, services, and programs. To fulfill this mission, the Batesville Memorial Public Library has public Internet workstations and wireless Internet service available in both Adult and Children's areas.

The purpose of this policy is to define appropriate use of the technology resources at the Batesville Memorial Public Library by library technology users and includes technology and resources accessed with equipment in the Library, loaned by the Library and/or via the Library's wireless internet connection. This policy is to be used in conjunction with the Library's Patron Conduct Policy, other library policies, and all Federal, State and local laws and regulations concerning use of property and computing resources. Use of Library public computers or wireless connection constitutes acceptance of this Computer and Internet Use Policy.

User Responsibility

Access to the networks and the information technology environment at the Batesville Memorial Public Library is a privilege. All users must respect the rights of other users, the library's equipment, and all applicable license and contractual agreements related to paid resources.

Any problems with the computers should be immediately reported to a staff member.

Violations of Use

The library reserves the right to suspend the use of its computers and/or the library by anyone who uses library computing equipment, electronic devices or a network for an illegal purpose or for a purpose in violation of the standards outlined in this and other Library policies.

All users shall refrain from the following activities:

- Using sounds or visuals which might disrupt the ability of other library patrons to use the library and its resources
- Attempting to view websites containing sexual content
- Invading the privacy of other users
- Attempting to change or reconfigure systems or software, or in any way interfering with or disrupting the current system network set-up
- Running unapproved software from a CD, USB flash drive, or any other device

Limitations of Use

The Library may place limitations on time and manner of computer use in order to allocate computer and internet access as equitably as possible.

Liability

Use of any of the library's computing equipment and networks is at the sole risk and discretion of the user. This means that it is the user, and not the library, who would be responsible for any damage to the user's own computers, devices, or equipment while connected to the library's wired or wireless networks or while connected to any of the library's equipment. The library takes reasonable steps to secure its networks from unauthorized access. In using a public computer however, an individual must be aware that the security of information or transactions while using the library's equipment or networks is not guaranteed. Internet users are responsible for the web sites they access and use the Internet at their own risk. The Library does not guarantee privacy of any Internet sessions, nor is it responsible for the security of information transmitted and received during any Internet sessions. Any injury or damages incurred by users of Library Internet stations or the Library's connection to the Internet are the sole responsibility of the user.

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