

CRAVEN-PAMLICO-CARTERET REGIONAL LIBRARY (CPCRL)

Computer & Internet Use Agreement

The Internet, as an information resource enables the library to provide access to information, ideas, and commentary from around the globe. It offers access to material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages. It also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, and/or illegal. Additionally, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, unbiased, or current information.

CPCRL does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion and they are responsible for their children's use of the Internet.

The Library operates a technology protection measure (Internet filter) to protect against visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554]. Library staff members are authorized to disable the technology protection measure to enable access for adults doing actual research or for other lawful purposes. Internet users may request that specific web sites be blocked or unblocked. Internet users should be aware that no technology protection measure is one hundred percent effective.

The Library encourages all users to be responsible and considerate citizens in their use of the Internet in this public setting. Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's Patron Conduct Policy.

GUIDELINES/RULES

By using the Library's Internet-accessible computers and wireless technology all users agree to the following:

1. Library computers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The library reserves the right to place a time limit on computer use.
2. Internet use for minors: Anyone aged 13 but under 18 years must sign the Computer & Internet Use Agreement, have a parent or guardian sign an Internet Parental Permission Agreement, and present a valid library card with an Internet sticker at each computer session. Children under 13 years old must have an adult present at the computer workstation during each computer session.
3. No more than two persons will be allowed to work together at one computer.
4. Internet users may not send, receive, or display inappropriate material or material considered obscene under North Carolina or federal law.

5. All users, adult and minors, must take care to protect their personal information and safety when using social networking sites, electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications.
6. Internet users may not engage in illegal activity; unauthorized access (“hacking”); unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and software piracy and violation of copyright or license agreements.
7. Users may not alter computer hardware or software except as permitted by security protocols in place on the computer.
8. Computer users may use personal memory devices to save or download files, but at their own risk. The Library is not responsible for personal memory devices left behind in the Library, or for the information contained on such devices, or for personal information saved to Library computers.
9. Computer users agree to pay for all pages printed out.
10. Library staff may provide limited assistance in using the Internet and other programs, but the library is not responsible for extensive instruction. Staff will be available to offer searching suggestions and to help patrons locate additional information on using the Internet from among our books and periodicals.
11. Misuse of the computers or the library’s Internet connection may result in the loss of the patron’s Internet privileges for a length of time to be determined by the Librarian.
12. Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library’s Patron Conduct Policy.

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