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POLICY

Computer Policy

Any patron with a current library card and fines under \$20.00 may use a computer. School cards are also available for students who do not have a library card to use the computers for school work.

When you log in to a computer, the system will request your library card number. If you do not have your library card, you can request a guest pass at the front desk.

You will be allotted one hour. If no one is waiting to use a computer, you may ask a staff member to extend your session. Please request this extension while you have at least 5 minutes remaining and not after the system has logged you off.

Use of the computers will be on a first come, first served basis. No reservations will be taken.

Printing is available on all terminals. Choose what pages and copies you want printed; staff is not able to alter print jobs once they are sent. The system will ask your name and inform you of the payment amount required for the print job. The pages will be sent to the printer behind the circulation desk. A staff member will release your pages and ask for your payment. You are responsible to pay for all pages printed. Copies are 25¢ per page for black and white and 50¢ per page for color.

You will not be able to save anything to the C: (hard) drive. When computers restart, all information, files, and settings are erased. Compact discs (CDs), flash drives, and memory cards (SD cards) may be used to save your work permanently.

Our staff will be happy to provide assistance to patrons using the internet and computer software.

The library is not responsible for the loss of personal data or damage to personal property.



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Internet Policy

In response to advances in technology and the changing informational needs of our community, WACL endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services that meet the cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of our diverse community. It is within this context that WACL offers access to the Internet. The Internet is a global communication network and information resource. WACL does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through this resource. The library cannot assume responsibility for the accuracy, quality, or current nature of Internet information. The Internet may contain information of a controversial or offensive nature. The determination of viability and usefulness of Internet information falls upon the patron.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has expressly exempted public libraries from persecution for displaying or permitting the display of obscene materials to minors. While the Library has been exempted from the obscenity statute and prosecution, we will assume practices that fully regard the issue of what is harmful to minors, and restrict access of obscene and explicit sexual materials as defined in 18PA C.S. 5903 of the Criminal Code.

Internet resources throughout the Library are provided equally to all patrons, no matter the age. Parents are fully responsible for the activities of their children at the Library. WACL does not act "in loco parentis" and acknowledges the exclusive responsibility of parents and guardians to guide their children's reading and computer use.

Adults may be advised that while accessing and viewing sexual materials is within the law for an adult, the risk of exposure to minors and the consequence of being "harmful to minors" is significant. When children are in proximity or even if another adult is expressly offended, the patron viewing such materials may be asked to close a web site and select a more appropriate resource or location outside of the library.

Children or adults who continuously disregard the library policies and the requests of the staff may be asked to leave the building.