



## **Computer Use Policy**

The library provides computers to the public that may be used to access the Internet. The library requires a computer user to accept the library's Computer Use Policy before use. Anyone under 18 must have Internet authorization from a parent or guardian.

Eager Free Public Library's mission is to provide a wide variety of materials that are easily accessible to the general public. We are pleased to offer computers for Internet use to the public as a part of this mission. In order to best provide easy and equal access to all, the library expects computer users to follow the library's rules and regulations, and to use the computer in a responsible and ethical manner. Responsible ethical use includes the following:

- Using resources for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only, and not for unauthorized, illegal, or unethical purposes.
- Respecting the privacy of others by:
  - Not misrepresenting oneself as another user.
  - Not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others.
  - Not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
  - Not interfering with the privacy and rights of other individuals using computer workstations at Eager Free Public Library.
- Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Not sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.
- Not making any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.

Internet stations are not filtered. Children age 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the computer stations. The Eager Free Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. It is not possible for the library staff to control specific information children and youth may locate on the Internet. Just as libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written material in their collections, they do not do so for electronic information. Selection policies which serve to govern the library's purchase of written material may not apply to material accessed electronically. It is the responsibility of the user (or the parent or guardian) to determine what is appropriate for himself or herself.

Misuse of the computers or Internet access in any way outlined above will result in suspension of computer privileges. In this case, a written application may be made to the Library Board for reinstatement of computer privileges. The case would then be reviewed at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Because of the many different Internet applications available, library staff cannot provide technical support of sites on the Internet. Library staff will not establish or maintain e-mail accounts for patrons.

Sessions on the public computers are limited to 60 minutes. If no one is waiting to use the computers, then patrons are able to use the computers for additional 30-minute sessions. Patrons who wish to hear audio content on library computers must use headphones. The library will not supply headphones.

Patrons using computer stations are subject to all other Eager Free Public Library policies and regulations. Failure to comply with these rules may result in temporary suspension of computer privileges.

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