

Computer use policy

Patrons who wish to use computers in the library are asked to read the computer use policy.

4.2.1 Purpose

To make information in electronic form easily accessible. Library electronic resources are to be used to advance the library's mission: to provide materials, services, and a place for our community to achieve its full potential.

4.2.2 Responsible Use

- No messy food or drink without lids near computers.
- Computer use is free.
- Children under eleven (11) must be directly supervised by someone over fourteen (14).
- No outside software may be used or installed on the library computers.
- Although the library checks its system for viruses, patrons should be aware of the risk of acquiring viruses from the Internet.
- The library charges \$.10 per page for black-and-white printing, and \$.50 for color printing.
- There is a time limit of 30 minutes if someone else wishes to use the computer. A waiting list will be maintained when necessary.
- Please remember when using the computer that whatever you are accessing may be able to be seen by children or other patrons.
- If you are accessing a site that uses sound, please use headphones. The Library has sets of headphones available at the front desk for patron use. Please be sure to return any borrowed headphones to the front desk prior to leaving the library.

4.2.3 Children

Parents are encouraged to read Internet Safety Tips from the New York Public Library:
<http://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/legal-notice/internet-safety-tips>

4.2.4 Unacceptable Use

- Misuse of computer or Internet access will result in loss of computer privileges as follows: the first offense will result in a loss of privileges for three months; subsequent offense will result in a loss of privileges for six months. Continuous misuse of library computers will result in loss of computer privileges for a period of time which is up to the discretion of the director.

- Using library computers to interfere with or disrupt Internet or computer users, services or equipment, or to distribute computer worms or viruses is unacceptable. These disruptions include, but are not limited to:
 - Using library computers for illegal or criminal purposes or as a staging ground to “crack” or “hack” computers or networks.
 - Harassment of other users, including using email or social media as a vehicle of harassment.
 - Destruction of or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to the Library or other users.
 - Changing the configuration of computers or loading personal software.
 - Using library Internet access stations to display or disseminate illegal materials.

4.2.5 Disclaimer

Some information available through electronic resources may not be appropriate to our library’s selection or collection development policy, but the Pierson Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. The library cannot monitor content, and access will not be denied or limited except when a clear violation of this policy has occurred.

As with other library materials, supervision or restriction of a child’s access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Ultimate responsibility for resolution of problems related to the invasion of the user’s privacy or loss of data rests with the user. The Library assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user’s data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user’s privacy.