

Public Computers and Internet Access Policy

In offering public Internet access, the Leonia Public Library provides a gateway to material that can be personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to persons of all ages. Since the Internet is an unregulated medium, it also allows access to information that may be inaccurate, offensive, or even illegal.

Since the Library has no control over the information provided or accessed through the Internet, it cannot be responsible for content accessed by patrons. **This policy applies to all devices on Library networks.** The Library supports the right and responsibility of parents/legal guardians, not Library staff, to monitor their children's Internet use. Responsibility for and any restriction of a minor's (below eighteen years of age) Internet use is solely with the parents/legal guardians. By registering a minor child for a library card, the parent/legal guardian authorizes that child to use the internet and computers provided by the Library.

Internet access in the Children's Room is restricted to patrons in 5th grade and under.

Computers are accessed with a patron's library card number or guest pass (given upon request with a valid ID). Patrons are entitled to sixty minutes of Internet use per day. Time extensions, in thirty-minute increments, may be granted at the staff's discretion and as long as no other patrons are waiting to access the computers.

Scanners are also available for public use, free of charge.

Access to the internet entails responsibility. Network users are responsible for respecting and adhering to local, state, federal, and international laws. Any attempt to break those laws through the use of the network may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, the Library will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process. Patrons should understand that because security is technically difficult to achieve, electronic transactions and files could become public.

Downloading of individual files is permitted for printing or editing purposes. Downloading and installing software is expressly prohibited.

By local community standards, Internet users must refrain from accessing materials considered obscene or objectionable, or that may cause a disturbance.

Black and white prints are \$.15 per page. Color copies are \$.35 a page. All print jobs sent to the self-service print station/copy machine must be paid in cash (the machine accepts nickels, dimes, quarters, and \$1 bills). Staff cannot provide change for printing nor give refunds.

Violating any terms of this policy may result in the termination of the computer session. Multiple violations may result in restriction of public computer access for a designated time and at the discretion of the Library Director and will be proportional to the policy violation.