

ARTICLE VI

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

(This policy is agreed to online by those using the library's public Internet computers and implicitly agreed to by all Wi-Fi users.)

General Internet Use and Restrictions

- By choosing to use the library's computers and Internet you agree to abide by the library's Computer and Internet Use Policy.
- Patron is responsible for appropriate use of the Internet and the computer itself.
- Patron is responsible for any damage that may occur while using library equipment.
- The Kewanee Public Library District assumes no responsibility for any damage, direct or indirect, that users or anyone else may suffer through the library's access to the Internet. All public Internet users at the library agree to hold the library harmless from any claims, losses, damages and obligations related to:
 1. Infringement of U.S. Copyright Law governing the reproduction, distribution, adaptation, public performance and public display of copyrighted material.
 2. The use and/or accuracy of information obtained from the library's computers and Internet.
 3. Damage to non-library software or hardware.
- It is the library's policy to comply with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), as currently interpreted, by filtering all Internet access. In doing so, the library understands that the required technology protection measure may not fully and effectively block intended sites and may inadvertently block unintended sites.
- Any adult, age 17 or over, may request library staff to disable the Internet filters on library computers. However, adults may not request removal of filters in order to access anything specifically prohibited in this policy.
- Internet computers may **not** be used for gambling, pornography, harassment or illegal activities. Library staff monitor access and may deny Internet and library privileges to anyone who does not follow the policies stated in this document.
- The library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent from or to any wireless device can be captured by anyone with a wireless device and the corresponding software.
- Parents and guardians should be aware that the library cannot assure their children's safety and security when they use the library's computers and Internet; cannot protect against unauthorized access, including unlawful online activities; and cannot protect against unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding their children if their children provide it while using the Internet.
- Illegal acts involving the library's computers and Internet may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. The library has a registered Domain Name. Use of library network can be traced.

- Wireless is provided as a public service free of charge and on an as-is basis with no guarantee and no warranty. The library's wireless network is subject to periodic maintenance and unforeseen downtime. During times of peak usage, bandwidth may be limited.

Patron Responsibilities

Internet workstations are located in public areas shared by people of all ages and backgrounds.

Internet users are expected to show consideration for others when viewing online information and to respect the privacy of all other library users.

- Computers and the Internet may only be used for legal purposes.
- Patrons may not:
 1. View, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, text or graphics of inappropriate materials or material that violates laws relating to child pornography. Disseminate, exhibit, or display to minors materials that are harmful to minors. Inappropriate sites are determined at the discretion of library staff.
 2. Use an Internet computer to transmit threatening or harassing material.
 3. Engage in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.
 4. Violate copyright or software licensing agreements.
 5. Gain unauthorized access to any computing, information or communications devices or resources.
 6. Damage, alter, or degrade computer equipment, peripherals, software, or configurations.
 7. Behave in a manner that is disruptive to other users, including but not limited to, overuse of computer equipment that serves to deny access to other users.

Staff Assistance

- Library staff can provide limited computer assistance. Library staff cannot sit with a computer user for an extended period providing detailed instruction. For privacy and security reasons, library staff cannot complete forms and applications for patrons.
- Patrons are responsible for setting their equipment to access the library wireless network. Library staff are not permitted to handle or to configure patrons' devices, nor can they provide more than general assistance in getting connected to the wireless network. The library does not guarantee that all devices will be able to connect to the wireless Internet service.
- A more experienced computer user should accompany persons who are not able to use the computer unaided.

Library Procedures for Computer and Internet Use:

- Computers and the Internet are available with a valid library card or photo ID. Each person sitting at a computer must have a library card or photo ID.
- Children's Room Computer Lab may be used by children 13 and younger.
- Lower Level Computer Lab may be used by patrons 13 and older.
- Young Adult Gaming Computers may be used by patrons 13-21 years of age. Older patrons may use these computers when not in use by young people.
- Main Floor 10-minute Internet Station may be used by patrons 17 and older for 10 minutes.
- Wireless Network may be used by obtaining a password at one of the library's service desks. The password changes daily and may not be shared.

Printing and Downloading

- There is a per page charge for printing. See library staff for current rates.
- The patron is responsible for all pages printed.
- The library is not responsible for any loss or damage to patron hardware.

Breach of Policy

The Kewanee Public Library District reserves the right to limit or ban any patron from using the library's computers and Internet. Violation of any aspect of this policy may result in the loss of library privileges.