



Computers and Internet Use Policy

The Stephenville Public Library makes the Internet accessible and provides information resources and services to ensure that all patrons have free and open access to ideas and information. In this role, the Library provides access to information resources available on the Internet. The Library has no control over the information obtained through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or accuracy. It may contain materials which some find offensive or inappropriate. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion. Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to use the SPL computers, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. It is the responsibility of parents/legal guardians to decide what library resources are appropriate for their children, and to supervise their children's Internet session

The Library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct, or indirect, for the use of the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to personal or office computer equipment caused by virus-laden material downloaded from any Internet site.

Internet users should be aware that it is not a secure medium. It is possible for third parties to obtain information regarding an individual user's search activities. Users should be very cautious about providing personal information over the Internet.

Users may print Internet pages and documents created on Library computers. Users agree to pay \$0.15 cents per page printed. It is the patron's responsibility to check the length of the document before printing.

Ethical Use

All users of electronic information resources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided. It is unacceptable to use the Library's computer system and Internet resources for any of the following:

- For any purposes which violate applicable U.S. or state laws. Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files and other resources obtained via the Internet.
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library.
- Disruption or interference of network users or services. Such interference or disruption includes, but is not limited to: distribution of unsolicited advertising, harassment, libeling, or slandering of others; propagation of computer worms or viruses.
- Sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably construed as either obscene or child pornography by community standards.

Violations of the Computers and Internet Use Policy

Users violating these guidelines will be advised of the Library's policy for ethical use and asked to comply. Users who violate these guidelines after previous warnings will be restricted from using the Library's online services. The Library reserves the right to prohibit violators from future access or use of the Library and/or online services. Illegal acts may subject violators to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.