

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Cumberland County Public Library (CCPL) is to provide access to materials and services that will meet the comprehensive and timely informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the people of Cumberland County. It is with this mission in mind that the library offers access to the Internet.

DISCLAIMER

The Internet is an enormous system of computer networks that connect with each other to share information. Some Internet sites may contain inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, controversial or offensive material. CCPL does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. CCPL assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its Internet connection. Users are responsible for the access points that they reach. Users are strongly encouraged to be critical consumers, and to evaluate information carefully.

The Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for viewing by children. The library is not in a position to monitor and supervise children's use of the Internet. Restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the library's connection. However, CCPL networks with the Cumberland County Public School System and their filters will be found on the public library computers.

ACCEPTABLE GUIDELINES FOR USING THE INTERNET:

1. You must be a registered borrower.
2. You must fill out an Internet Access Application Form at the Circulation Desk.
3. You must sign in at the Circulation Desk.
4. Sessions are limited to one 30-minute block per day. A person may be issued a second block if no prior reservation for the computer has been made.
4. Any person over age eight (8) may use the Internet.
5. Patrons under the age of eighteen (18) must have their parent's/guardian's permission to access the Internet. This permission will be indicated by a parent's/guardian's signature on the Internet Access Application Form.

6. Children under the age of thirteen (13) may not use the computer unless under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian.
7. Patrons may print electronic files. There is a charge of twenty cents (.20) per page for printing.
8. Patrons may copy electronic files to floppy disks. High density (3.5”) disks may be purchased for one dollar (\$1.00) each at the Circulation Desk. Only disks bought at the library may be used on library computers.
9. E-mail accounts are not provided.
10. Direct links to news groups or news servers are not provided.

STAFF ASSISTANCE:

Library staff and volunteers will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits. Internet-trained staff may not be available at all times and cannot be considered “experts”. Formal instruction may be provided at designated times.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS:

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a suspension and eventually cancellation, of this privilege. The following uses are prohibited:

1. Violation of computer system integrity.
2. Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware and software, changing any setting on the computer or printer, or installation of personal software on the CCPL computer.
3. Storage of data to anything other than a diskette purchased at the library.
4. Violation of software license agreements and copyright laws.
5. Violation of another user’s privacy.
6. Use of sounds or visuals which might be disruptive to others.
7. Use of Internet workstations for purposes other than Internet access; using chat rooms; sending electronic mail (e-mail).

Any person making unauthorized use of computers and the Internet in violation of applicable laws including, but not limited to, the Privacy Protection Act of 1974, the

Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986, the Computer Eradication Act of 1989, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, the Virginia Computer Crimes Act, and the Electronic Communication Privacy Act may be prosecuted.

The possession and distribution of obscene materials (see Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-374 et seq.) and child pornography (see Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-374 et seq.) are both illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia. All library patrons are hereby notified that no library terminal shall be used to access illegal materials.

By signing up to use the Internet at the Cumberland County Public Library, the patron agrees to abide by the terms of this policy.