

Computer and Internet Use Policy

Computer Use and Minors

- It is the policy of the library that parents or guardians are ultimately responsible for a minor's use of the Internet in the Library. Furthermore, the library staff is not responsible for supervising minors while they are using the computers. Patrons use the Internet at their own discretion. There is no expectation of privacy on public access computers. The library reserves the right to regulate use of public computers to allow users with school assignments and research projects to have first priority over recreational use such as game playing, surfing and social networking and commercial applications. User understands that minors (under age 18) must have the signed consent of a parent or guardian. **Parents or guardians understand that library computers allow access to Facebook and other social networking websites. Minors age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**

Users of library public computers must agree to the following rules before using public computers:

- User understands that he or she has no expectation of privacy.
- User agrees to not damage library hardware, software and all equipment that are property of the library nor use computers for illegal purposes such as copyright violation; disruption or damage to library computers, networks or other users.
- User understands that there is a charge for making copies. User agrees to pay for all copies made at \$.20 a page for black & white copies and \$1.00 a page for color.
- User understands that minors (under age 18) must have the signed consent of a parent or guardian. **Parents or guardians understand that library computers allow access to Facebook and other social networking websites. Minors age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**
- User understands that small children cannot be allowed to play on computers or handle library equipment.
- User understands that use of computers is available on a first come, first served basis. However, to ensure free access for all, the Library staff reserves the right to set a time limit of 1 hour on computer use sessions. During high-use periods, the use of library computers to access research materials, complete school assignment and job searching to include online application submission and creating resumes is a top priority.
- User understands that nothing can be saved to the computer's hard drive or desktop. User is responsible for bringing a USB flash/travel drive for saving information.
- User understands that failure to abide by the library rules will result in a written warning and if behavior continues, ultimately loss of computer privileges.
- User understands that computers will automatically shut down at 15 minutes before closing time.
- **User agrees to abide by copyright laws:** U.S. Copyright law (Title 17, U.S.C.) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by principles of fair use. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mail, text, images, programs or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the users; the Autauga-Prattville libraries expressly disclaim any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.