

Grove City Community Library

Internet Policy

All persons must register at the Grove City Community Library main desk before using the computers.

Please read the following instructions:

1. Reservations may be made at the circulation desk for a one hour block of time.
2. No more than two (2) people may be at the computer at a time.
3. The printer for the internet computers is located at the main desk. Black and white prints may be made at \$.10 per page.
4. Patrons may not alter or attach equipment to the library's hardware or install/load their own software.
5. Staff members are not expected to provide support services.

Internet Policy

1. Since the Internet is an extension of the resources of the library, it is made available for the primary purpose of reference and research.
2. The library has no control of the Internet and its resources and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy or currency of any Internet resource. The Internet may contain material of a controversial or objectionable nature.
2. The individual user must be responsible for actions in navigating the Internet, and is expected to be considerate of others who may be able to view the material brought to the screen. The Library cannot provide assurance that Internet users privacy in the materials or communications undertaken via the Internet.
3. Library computers have Internet filtering software activated on them in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. However, adults (those 18 and older) may request unfiltered access to the Internet for any purpose that does not violate the law or the library's policies. The filter on an individual computer will be disabled in response to such a request.
4. Parents **must** be responsible for their children during all Internet usage. Responsibility for decisions about appropriateness in usage rest with parents or guardians.

Children under 18 years of age must obtain **on-site** written approval from their parents or guardians to use the Internet computer.

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Unacceptable Uses of Computers:

Among the uses that are considered unacceptable and which constitute a violation of this policy are the following:

- Viewing Internet sites that contain child pornography, obscenity, or are harmful to minors.
- Transmitting of offensive or harassing messages; offering for sale or use any substance the possession or use of which is prohibited by law; viewing, transmitting or downloading pornographic materials or materials that encourage others to violate the law; downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret information, or copyrighted materials. Even if materials on the networks are not marked with the copyright symbol, users should assume that all materials are protected unless there is explicit permission on the materials to use them.
- Engaging in defamation (harming another's reputation by lies); uploading a worm, virus or other harmful form of programming or vandalism; participating in "hacking" activities or any form of unauthorized access to other computers, networks, or information systems.
- Disclosing or sharing the user's password with others; impersonating another user; using one's own software programs on the library's computers; altering the Library's computer settings; monitoring the electronic communications of others, damaging or modifying computer equipment or software. The use of chat rooms, electronic mail (other than free sites such as Hotmail) and instant messaging services is prohibited.
- Giving others private information about one's self or others, including credit card numbers and social security numbers; arranging a face-to-face meeting with someone one has "met" on the computer network or on the Internet without a parent's permission.
- Internet workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purposes, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Pennsylvania, or local laws, including activities in violation of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec. 5903.

Misuse of library computers may result in the notification of authorities and/or suspension or loss of privileges to use computers. This policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.