

Internet Policy

The Clive Public Library offers access to computers and the Internet to support its mission to provide diverse resources for lifelong learning and enjoyment. The following rules and guidelines govern the use of the library computers.

Access

- The library will not impose blocking or filtering software to limit access to Internet sites beyond the library firewall constraints.
- The library holds the position that only parents and legal guardians have the right and responsibility to monitor and control their own minor children's access to the Internet and to information obtained from the Internet.
- The library provides wireless Internet access — all users are subject to the same rules as registered Internet users.
- The Clive Public Library complies with the United States Copyright Law, and all other federal, state and local laws relating to the use of the Internet and other electronic media.
- The library serves as an Internet access point, not an Internet service provider and does not guarantee a connection to the Internet or a specific site.

Rules and Guidelines for Public Computer Station Use

- Stations are available on a walk-up basis. Time limit on these stations is two hours.
- The library is not liable for any damage, cost, liability, or personal harm that may occur from use of the library's internet connection.
- The library assumes no responsibility for security and privacy of Internet transactions or activities.

Confidentiality and Privacy

The library upholds the right of confidentiality and privacy for all library users. Users are urged to respect the sensibilities of others when accessing information that may be considered offensive to others. However, absolute privacy for users using electronic resources in the library cannot be guaranteed. There does exist a possibility of inadvertent viewing by others, either by watching the user's screen or because a user may leave the screen unattended. The Conduct in the Library Policy applies to the behavior of patrons using electronic equipment and resources. Failure to follow the Conduct in the Library Policy may result in revocation of library privileges.

Constitutional Protections

The use of all library resources, including electronic resources, is voluntary. The library does not select the material on the Internet and has no way to assure that only constitutionally protected material is available on the Internet. Access to, use of, or dissemination of constitutionally unprotected (legally obscene) speech is unacceptable in the library. Access, use, or dissemination of constitutionally unprotected speech in the library in violation of this policy, is the responsibility of the user, or in the case of minors it is a joint responsibility of the user and the parent or guardian. The library does not use filtering software, adhering to the principle of free expression by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Security

The library attempts to protect the privacy of computer users through the use of firewalls, regular deletion of users' site histories, and other means intended to keep users' information as secure and private as possible. However, there can be no absolute guarantees of privacy to users of public computers. Users are strongly encouraged to be prudent about entering information that is personal and private on the library's computers. The library and city are not responsible for theft of personal information that occurs via the public access computers in the tech area as well as on the Wi-Fi network.

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