

Computer and Internet Use Policy

Purpose:

In keeping with its mission to provide access to information and support lifelong learning, Yancey County Public Library offers public access to computers and the internet.

Access:

- Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Users must sign in using their library card or a guest pass.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's internet use.

Time Limits:

- Sessions are limited to [30–60] minutes when others are waiting.
- Users may have up to [2] hours of total computer time per day.

Acceptable Use:

- Users must comply with local, state, and federal laws, including copyright and obscenity laws.
- Viewing of obscene or sexually explicit material, or engaging in illegal activity is strictly prohibited.
- Users may not tamper with computer hardware or software, install programs, or change system settings.

- Users may not use library computers for unauthorized access or hacking.

Filtering:

- In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the library uses content filtering software on all public internet access terminals.

Privacy:

- The library respects user privacy but cannot guarantee complete confidentiality.
- Users should log out of all accounts and clear browsing history after use.

Printing:

- Printing is available at a cost of [\$0.10 per black-and-white page / \$0.25 per color page].
- Users are responsible for verifying print jobs before submitting.

Violation of Policy:

Failure to follow this policy may result in loss of computer privileges, suspension of library use, or legal action.

Disclaimer:

The library is not responsible for the accuracy, content, or availability of external internet sites.

The library assumes no responsibility for damage to personal devices or data due to library computer use.