

Perry County Public Library System

Internet and Computer Use Policy

The Perry County Libraries are pleased to offer public use of the Internet as part of the library's mission of providing free and open access to materials and services to meet patrons' personal, educational, and professional needs. The library's computer system and free public use internet service provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from around the world with the library's other resources.

In order to offer quality Internet service to all of our patrons, certain guidelines apply. Individuals who use the library's computer resources, including the free use public internet connection, inappropriately and do not comply with the following guidelines, may have their library privileges suspended for up to 30 days during which entrance to any public library in Perry County will be denied. Individuals using library computers or internet connection for illegal purposes or who cause malicious destruction to property may also be subject to prosecution.

1. In accordance with the Tennessee Code Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 9, sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as obscene by community standards inside or on the grounds of Perry County Public Libraries is prohibited, regardless of age of the library patron using computers inside Perry County Public Libraries.
2. Users must accept all U.S. copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files, and other resources obtained via the Internet. The library expressly disclaims any responsibility resulting from copyright infringement by a library patron.
3. Downloading of images or files from the Internet to the computer's hard drive is strictly prohibited. Patrons may either bring in a flash drive or a disk to copy files to. Unknown files will be purged from the system periodically.
4. The library patrons using computers inside Perry County Public Libraries will conform to all local, state, and federal laws regarding minors' access to materials harmful to minors.
5. All Internet users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet to preserve their own personal safety. Library Internet users are prohibited by law from disclosing, using, or disseminating personal information regarding minors without written authorization of the parent or legal guardian of the minors involved.
6. Engaging in any of the following activities is a violation of this policy: libeling or slandering of others; 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.
7. Internet users are prohibited from using the library computers or internet connection to compromise the safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat

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rooms, social media and other forms of direct or indirect electronic communications. Such use includes, but is not limited to: giving others private information about one's self or others or arranging a face-to-face meeting with someone one has met on the Internet without a parent or legal guardian's permission.

Disclaimer

The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. It allows access to ideas, information and commentary from around the world. Information access through the Internet is not warranted by the library to be accurate, authoritative, factual, or complete. It is the patron's responsibility to verify the accuracy of any material found on the Internet. Therefore, library patrons are advised to exercise critical judgment when using information from the Internet, realizing that accuracy, completeness, and currency vary widely. More accurate, comprehensive, and current information may be found in non-Internet sources locally housed by the library.

Responsibility

As with all library resources, the library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and guardians to determine and monitor their minor children's use of the Internet. It is the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians who believe that their children cannot responsibly use the library's Internet access to monitor their children's Internet use, not the staff, volunteers, or other library patrons.

All Internet resources accessible through the library are provided to all users. There is no age limit for use of any materials provided on the Internet. Children have access to the same resources as adults. It is left to the discretion of the parent or legal guardian to decide what resources are appropriate for their children.

Violations

The user's access to the library's computer network and Internet is a privilege, not a right. Misuse of the library computers or free use internet connection will result in the loss of computer privileges and possible criminal prosecution.

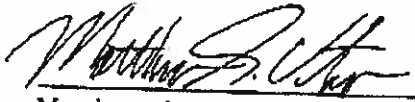
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Virus Warning

Although the library uses a program that checks for viruses, there is no guarantee that files downloaded from the Internet will not contain a virus. The library is not responsible for any damages that may arise from saving or downloading files.

Perry County Library Board


Matthew G. Votaw, Chairman

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