



Clifton Springs Library

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COMPUTER & INTERNET USE POLICY

Public Access to the Internet

The Clifton Springs Library provides public access to the Internet as one resource to fulfill the library's mission. The internet expands the scope of information available to our library community. It is, however, an unregulated medium that changes constantly and unpredictably. The library is not responsible for the quality or accuracy of information found on the internet. Users are responsible for evaluating information received via the internet.

Access to Library Computers

Anyone with a valid OWWL Library Card who owes less than \$5.00 in fees may use the library's desktop computers and laptops. Computers must be checked out at the Service Desk. Patrons can only use their own library card to access computers. Use of another's card may result in the confiscation of the card and/or the removal of access to the library's computers.

Parent/guardians are responsible for determining whether their child may use a library computer when completing a library registration card. Parents are encouraged to discuss safety precautions with their children. The Pioneer Library System (PLS) provides content filtering to ensure its libraries are in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Availability

Availability of library computers is on a first-come first-served basis. There are no reservations. If someone is waiting to use a computer, use is limited to 60 minutes per session. Additional time will be allowed when no one is waiting to use a computer. All computers will be turned off five minutes before the library closes.

Acceptable Computer Use

All people using the library's computers must agree to the libraries' policies and rules governing the use of the library's computers. This includes, but is not limited to, activities such as viewing pornography, committing fraud, hacking, unauthorized access, pirating movies or music, or spreading libel/slander.

Patrons may only make copies allowable by copyright laws or licensed software agreements. Library staff will not assist patrons with copying or downloading content protected by copyright law, including but not limited to software, music, movies, and video games. The library is not responsible for policing patron adherence to copyright laws or software agreements.

Audio, whether for music or videos, is limited to headphones and may not cause interference or distractions for other patrons or staff in the library. Headphones may be borrowed with a library card at the circulation desk.

Wireless Access

The Clifton Springs Library offers free wireless internet access for use with laptop computers and other wireless devices. While the library's content filtering software applies to wireless usages, the public wireless network is accessible for all ages without restriction.

The library assumes no responsibility for any alterations or interference with a device's configuration, operation, or data files resulting from connection to the wireless network. Due to insurance limitations and warranties, library staff members cannot configure patrons' devices.

Virus and security protection is the user's responsibility.

The library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files, or other personal property brought into or used at the library.

The library cannot guarantee that the wireless service will be available at any specific time.

The connection shall not be used for illegal or time-consuming commercial purposes or for purposes that infringe on other patrons' access to equal bandwidth.

Patrons shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Clifton Springs Library, its officers, employees, and agents harmless against all claims, actions, and judgements based upon or arising out of the patron's use of library wireless connections

This policy may be amended by the Board of Trustees at any time.

Reviewed and approved by the Clifton Springs Library Board of Trustees 3/15/2023