

## **Policy for Computer and Internet Use**

Public computers and wireless internet access are available for all Bartholomew County Public Library users. Using their library card or a guest pass, library users are eligible to access the library's computers on a first come, first served basis. A standard session is 60 minutes. Library staff may, at their discretion, use time management software to set and enforce time limits in order to promote equitable access to library resources.

Per the library's Unaccompanied Minor Policy, no child under 10 years old may use computers without an adult present. The computers in the children's department are reserved for the use of children 12 and under. The computers in the teen department are reserved for the use of teens in grades 7-12. Library staff are not responsible for what unsupervised minors view while using the public computers or wireless network.

Access to the internet is controlled by a filtering system that prevents access to sites prohibited based on this policy. Computers and wireless internet is filtered to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The library cannot be held at fault for any failure of the filtering software.

The library uses software on the public computers that automatically restarts the computer and erases the internet history, downloads, and other evidence of computer use. The library is not responsible for any information that is compromised, stolen, or lost while using our public computers or wireless access, nor for any user's peripheral hardware or software that is left in a computer or anywhere at the library. The library is not responsible for computer malfunctions, printer problems, internet site downtime, or delays in transmission from a remote site.

The library is not responsible for any content accessed on our devices or through the wireless network, including devices taken off-site for personal use, except for information provided through the library's website.

Copyrighted material may be downloaded and printed only for legal purposes subject to copyright laws. Any responsibility for copyright infringement lies solely with the library user. The user cannot receive or transmit material in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. No pornography or any accompanying behaviors or any use that violates the library's Patron Code of Conduct is allowed on library computers or through the wireless network.

The library provides printing capabilities and sets the cost per page for copies.

This policy applies to public computer and wireless network use at all branches of the Bartholomew County Public Library, including the Hope branch, wi-fi through the Bookmobile and Book Express, and the BCPL Create studio.

In the case of a violation of this policy, library staff will respond by following the procedures outlined in the library's Patron Code of Conduct.

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