

Public Use Policy for Orleans Public Library and CIPA Compliant Internet

The Library Board has developed a new policy for computer use.

1. Before using the computer for the first time, patrons must register by reading a copy of the computer policy, and sign in at the circulation desk. After that, patrons must sign in every time they use the computer.
2. Patrons must obey the policy.
3. Age appropriateness or use by anyone is at the discretion of the librarian.
4. Because of increased computer usage, the computers are available in one half hour blocks. If more time is needed patrons may ask permission for another block, as long as no one is waiting to use it, or if someone has a prior reservation.
5. Patrons may reserve time by calling in advance. Reservations will be held 5 minutes beyond reservation time and then automatically cancelled.
6. The playing of computer games is permitted, but are considered purely recreational, and any patron doing so may be asked to relinquish use at any time if someone is waiting to use it for more practical purposes, such as job applications, research, printing or typing etc.
7. Prior approval is required before printing.
8. The first two copies are free for the first time of use. After that, all copies are .25 cents for black and white, and .50 cents for color.
9. Patrons may not bring their own software to load on to computers.
10. Patrons may not physically or electronically attach anything to library equipment.
11. There is to be no more than three persons at the computer station at one time.
12. All users are liable if they permanently or temporarily damage software and or equipment.
13. The Orleans Public Library is not responsible for the loss of data, or consequent damages arising out of the use of computer software.
14. The same rules apply for our laptops.
15. Patrons may bring their laptops to use in the library. They must use head phones when necessary.
16. Patrons with laptops, cassette players, or other equipment must be powered by batteries and not power cords because of limited outlets and electronic overload. Individuals are required to wear headsets to avoid the disturbance to others when applicable.

(Filtering Provisions) Filtering is provided locally for all Internet enabled computers on a networked basis. Y for yes NCLS will install Miraci software at the time fiber-optic is delivered to all computers.

17. Persons abusive to computer equipment or failure to obey the guidelines of the policy will lose computer privileges.

18. Access to inappropriate material to the extent practical, technology protection measures or "Internet Filters" shall be used to block or filter internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for a bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

19. The Orleans Public Library makes no guarantees, either express, or implied with respect to the information available on the internet, nor is the Orleans Public Library responsible for any user misuse of copy right or any other violation.

20. Since the internet is a global electronic network, there is no State/County control of its users or content. The internet and available resources may contain material of a controversial nature.

21. Safe and secure use by minors of direct electronic communications including e-mail, chat rooms, and instant messaging will be assured.

22. Unauthorized online access, including "hacking and other unlawful" activities, is prohibited.

23. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors is prohibited.

24. The Library Board reserves the right to amend this policy.