

ARKANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

The Arkansas City Public Library's Internet access is intended primarily as an informational resource. Recreational use is permitted as long as the behavioral rules outlined below are followed.

Library patrons must have an Arkansas City Public Library (ACPL) card or a valid picture ID to use the public Internet workstations. A maximum use of one hour per person per day is allowed. Only two people are allowed at a single workstation at one time. Noise levels at shared workstations must be kept to a minimum. Headphones may be brought in to the Library by patrons or checked out from ACPL. No food or drink is allowed at the computer workstations.

Reservations cannot be made in advance; usage is on a "first come, first served" basis ONLY. If you are on a waiting list, you will have five minutes grace period after your name is called to occupy the assigned workstation. If you do not claim your spot within five minutes, you will be moved to the end of the waiting list.

Library patrons use the Internet at their own discretion. ACPL does not protect persons from information found individually offensive. The Library cannot be responsible for its content. The Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for viewing by children. ACPL staff are not in a position to monitor and supervise children's use of the Internet. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

ACPL does not monitor an individual's use of any Internet sites except when material displayed on the screen is not appropriate in a public environment. Internet workstations are in view of other patrons and staff. Users are not permitted to display any visual images containing obscenity or graphic violence as identified in K.S.A. 21-3516 and 21-4301 et seq. Illegal acts involving library computer resources may also subject the user to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. It is unlawful for any Library patron to utilize a computer in a manner which is in violation of K.S.A. 21-3755 et seq. Users must comply with the United States Copyright law and all other applicable laws. Copies of relevant Kansas Statutes are available upon request.

Examples of unlawful acts or inappropriate use of the Internet include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Displaying any visual images or text containing obscenity, graphic violence, or threatening, harassing, or abusive content.
- Tampering with computer hardware or software.
- Using the Internet for illegal or unethical use.
- Using the Library's Internet connections to conduct ongoing business or commercial enterprises.
- Not respecting the privacy of others.
- Excessive or inappropriate noise in the area of the Internet workstations.

If Internet searching results in disruption of library service or if patron behavior when using Internet resources becomes inappropriate for a library setting, the library reserves the right to end the session. Subsequent violations may result in confiscation of the patron's Library card, letters to parents/guardians, incident reports to law enforcement officers, or complete removal of all Library privileges.

When using the Internet, please remember that some material may be outdated, wrong, or biased. Patrons are encouraged to critically evaluate all information found on the Internet.

Library staff may assist with Internet use as time permits, but cannot offer extended personal instruction on computer use.

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