

MACKSVILLE CITY LIBRARY COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

In order to provide equal opportunity to educational, recreational, cultural and information resources the Macksville City Library is offering access to the Internet.

Parents or guardians who wish to allow their children access to the Internet must sign an initial permission slip. Parents and/or guardians, NOT LIBRARY STAFF, are responsible for the library materials and sites selected/used on the Internet by children. Parents are encouraged to use the Internet computer with their children. If parents do not want to risk their child's exposure to materials, it is the parent's responsibility not the library staff, to prohibit use. Some information sources are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting, and in the absence of the parent, the librarian has the authority to end Internet sessions when such material is displayed. If a child is not appropriate using the computer, the parents must be with the child the next time that child wants to use the computer.

Patrons using the Internet must have an active library card and be in good standing. Each person must sign their name at the librarian's desk and write the time of their use of the computer.

E-mail may be sent, but any replies will neither be confidential nor guaranteed to remain until you see it. The computer may not be used to send threatening, obscene, abusive or harassing messages or for any illegal purposes. Users of the library's E-mail account are prohibited from subscribing to any mailing list with that account.

Chat rooms will not be permitted.

Registration for 30 minute intervals may be required if more than one person needs access to the computer. When the computer is not reserved, it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no set time limit, but users must agree that if anyone else is waiting, within 20 minutes of being informed by the library staff that another person is waiting.

You may not use your own software programs or disks on the computer.

You may not download any information from the Internet or other sources onto the computer hard disk drive. You may download the information to a disk or print out the information. Patrons who wish to download files MUST purchase a disk at the desk. Cost is \$1 .00 per disk. Patrons will not be allowed to use a personal disk, and once a patron removes a disk from the library, he/she must purchase a new disk for the next use. Printing may be done at the cost of 10 cents per page, including all errors.

Any use of the network for commercial or for profit purposes is prohibited. Patrons may not make purchases on line. Use of the network to transmit or display text or graphic materials likely to be offensive or objectionable is prohibited. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited. The library staff will be the sole arbiter of what constitutes unacceptable content. The library reserves the right to remove a user from the Internet to prevent further unauthorized activity.

For the library staff, traveling the Internet is a new experience. We will be glad to help you in accessing the Internet and as our experience grows, attempt to assist you. If you are searching for particular information, they will attempt to help you find it on the Internet or in the library collection. They cannot, however, provide in-depth training on the use of the Internet,