MULVANE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Computer and Internet Use Policy

Library Patrons are welcome to use the library computers provided they adhere to the rules set forth in this policy.

1. All persons must read the policy and sign the INTERNET USE AGREEMENT. Persons under the age of 18 must also have the approval and signature of a parent or guardian. Parent or guardian signature must be witnessed by a library staff member. The user will receive a copy of the policy and the signed agreement will be kept at the library.
2. Persons should have some basic computer and Internet skills prior to using library resources. Library staff can provide only limited help to computer users, due to other responsibilities.
3. Computer and Internet use is free. Pay for all printouts a the Circulation Desk. Copies are .05 each, including all errors made by patrons.
4. Patrons may not set up email accounts using Outlook Express, Netscape Mail, Eudora or any other commercial software that must be installed on the library computer. However, patrons may access email via accounts set up with services such as Hot Mail, Yahoo Mail, Excite Mail, Juno Mail or other email servers that are accessed through the web directly.
5. Users agree to use the computer for lawful purposes. Unacceptable purposes include, but are not limited to:

    A. Unauthorized access to other computing systems.
    B. Unauthorized destruction of another person's files or data.
    C. Use of the computer for harassment, libel, slander or violation of another person's rights.
    D. Violation of software copyrights.
    E. Conducting a business for profit.
    F. Accessing chat rooms.

USERS VIOLATING THE LAW CAN BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION

6. The library does not monitor or have any control over material and information on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Internet sites are neither censored nor screened by the library. Not all Internet sites provide accurate, reliable, or complete information. Accidental access to sexually explicit sites is possible. Because the computers are in an open area, viewing and printing of sexually explicit material is considered to be harassment and a violation of the rights of others and is prohibited.
7. Users must sign up for Internet use at the Circulation Desk.
8. Patrons may not use their own software programs on any library computer. This will help prevent computer viruses that are common on public computers.

9. Patrons who wish to download files from the Internet must purchase a disk at the Circulation Desk. The cost is .50 per disk. Patrons will not be allowed to use personal disks, and once a patron removes a disk from the library premises, (s)he must purchase a new disk for the next use.
10. Misuse of the computer or Internet access will result in loss or restriction of your computer privileges.

PLEASE DO NOT MANIPULATE OPERATING SYSTEMS, MENUS, ICONS, WINDOWS, AND OTHER FORMATS

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Patron's Signature

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Parent or Guardian (if required)

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WITNESS   Date

The above signatures verify that the library patron has received in writing a copy of the Mulvane Public Library Computer and Internet Use Policy. The library patron understands and agrees to abide by the stated rules and regulations.