

2024 Syracuse-Turkey Creek Township Public Library Internet Use Policy & Patron User Agreement

All patrons using public computers or wireless must agree to this policy by choosing “accept” when the Internet Use Policy appears after signing in on the computer. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of computer privileges and may be subject to local, state, or federal laws.

Rules for Public Computer and Wireless Use

1. Public computers and wireless access are intended to be used for educational, informational, and recreational purposes.
2. The library reserves the right to set and enforce rules concerning the use of public computers and wireless access and to modify these rules at any time.
3. Library staff may impose a time limit on public computer use if library patrons are waiting for access.
4. Public computers and wireless access may not be used for any purpose which violates library policy, or state and federal laws such as:
 - Distribution of unsolicited advertising or computer viruses.
 - Tampering with computer or network security.
 - Using the network for unauthorized entry into internal systems.
 - Copying, uploading, or downloading content protected under copyright. *Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements.*
 - Uploading, distributing, or viewing obscene or sexually explicit material.
 - Malicious use (the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to enable, augment, or enhance actions taken by organizations or individuals, including practices that are not necessarily considered crimes by specific legislation, but that still compromise the safety and security of organizations, individuals, and public institutions)
 - Threatening others online (“cyber bullying”).

The library reserves the right to review search history to determine misconduct and to remove any material that does not comply with this acceptable use policy. In accordance with the requirements of CIPA and the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, the Library employs the use of an internet filter to guard against accessing, inadvertently or otherwise, Internet content that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. However, no filter can protect against all such content and thus, children under the age of 17 who are using the Internet must be supervised at all times by their parent or other adult caregiver. Parent or adult caregiver supervision is required to ensure the safety and security of minors using the Internet.

Disclaimers

When accessing wireless or public computers, library patrons should be aware that personal information may not be secure. While online purchases are not restricted and submission of private and personal information online is acceptable, the library cannot guarantee the security of a patron’s identity, social security, credit card, or account numbers. The library makes no warranties, expressed or implied, that functions or contents of the system will meet any user’s specific requirements; nor shall the library be liable for any damages (including lost data, information or income) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation or inability to use the system. For the privilege of using the internet and for having access to the information contained on the system, users hereby release and hold harmless the library; the operators of the internet and any institution with which they are affiliated from all claims of any nature arising from the use, or inability to use the system.

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