

# Cache County Library

## Computer and Internet Use Policy - approved by the Library Board May 14, 2025

The Cache County Library provides computers with access to the internet and wireless internet connection to the public. Use of computers is for legal, ethical, and authorized purposes only. No computer connected to the internet may be used for gaming, gambling, or pornography.

Users of the internet should be aware that the internet and its available resources may contain controversial or incorrect information. The Library is not responsible for censoring access, validating material, or protecting users from offensive materials.

### Content Filtering

In accordance with Utah State Code Section 9-7-215 and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Cache County Library will maintain a 'technology protection measure' (filter) restricting access to visual depictions that are considered child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene on all public and staff computers.

### Patron Agreement

Library patrons accessing public library computers **agree to:**

- Be respectful to library staff and other computer users. Including keeping noise level to a minimum, not spreading out personal items, and no harassing or slandering.
- Accept responsibility for the security of the information they give on the web such as personal information and credit card numbers.
- Follow copyright laws and licensing agreements.

Library patrons accessing public library computers **Agree to NOT:**

- Damage, destroy, or modify computer hardware, software, or data
- Send or receive offensive, pornographic, or illegal information
- Violate computer system security
- Violate other users' privacy

### Violation of Agreement

If adult patrons access inappropriate material, he/she will be asked to close the program. If a reminder is given a second time, the patron will be asked to leave the computer. If use continues patron will be denied privileges for a three-month period. The appropriateness of materials accessed on the internet will be determined by the library staff, within staff's discretion. However, if the material is pornographic in nature, computer privileges will be revoked immediately.

- Law enforcement may be called to enforce compliance when such a request is needed.

- Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in the loss of library privileges in addition to any appropriate legal action, including criminal prosecution.
- A patron who witnesses inappropriate behavior by another library patron has the right to report it to the staff and action will be taken according to procedures and guidelines listed above.
- Any questions or concerns regarding this policy or its enforcement should be directed in writing to the library director or you may request an audience at the next open library board meeting.
- Violators of these policies will be denied computer access.

Parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their children, including monitoring what they access on the internet. If a minor accesses inappropriate material, he/she will be asked to close the program. If a reminder is given a second time, the patron will be asked to leave the computer.

### **Sign Up & Use**

Patrons wanting to use the computer will sign up at the Circulation desk for either a 30 or 60-minute session. If no one is waiting to use the computers, patrons may renew their time up to two more times with a library staff member.

Unaccompanied minors can sign up to use the computers for 30 min. Children playing games or watching YouTube on the computer will be allowed to sign up for one 30-minute session. This is not extendable unless a guardian is present. Children (under the age of 18) using computers for school work, etc. not including games may renew their time twice.

One scanner is available for patron use. There is no copier. Patrons can scan documents to the computer and then print. Staff is available to help only as time permits.

Printing costs are \$0.10 per page for black and white and \$0.50 per page for color.