

Thompson Public Library Policy for Computer Use & Public Access Internet

The Library is pleased to offer computer workstations, wireless access and printing for public use. A valid CT Library card in good standing is required. Guest cards are available for out of state visitors. Use of another person's library card is not allowed.

Daily computer use is limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting, including time required for printing. If no one is waiting, time can be extended in 1 hour increments based on demand.

Patrons may not use the Library's computers, internet service, or networks to send threatening or harassing material, or for any illegal or unauthorized use, such as hacking, spamming or to disseminate viruses or hoaxes. U.S. copyright law prohibits the unauthorized download, reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials.

The printing fee is .25 cents per page. Print jobs are to be completed 15 minutes before the Library closes.

USB flash drives are available for purchase at the front desk.

Headphones are to be used when listening to audio content.

Users are limited to Library settings and software and may not load other software onto or change any settings on the Library's computers. Computer use may be monitored at any time. Misuse of computer equipment or internet access will result in loss of computer privileges and may also result in the loss of Library privileges. Disruptive behavior or excessive noise resulting from computer and/or internet use is considered misuse and will result in immediate termination of computer time and may also result in the loss of all Library privileges.

Staff cannot provide in-depth training. Patrons wishing to use computer equipment or access the internet must have basic skills.

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The Library does not use internet filtering software. The Library has no control of the information on the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content or quality. Patrons viewing highly offensive content will be removed from the computer. Repeat offenders will be banned from computer use.

As the Library is a public space, be aware that privacy and security cannot be assured. Computer workstation file history is deleted at the end of each day.

Children Parents or legal guardians are responsible for the supervision of their child's access while online. An Internet Permission Form must be filled out by a parent/guardian for children younger than 16 years old. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using internet access computers. Computers in the Children's Room are reserved for use by children up to 12 years of age.

The Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.

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