

Richland Public Library
COMPUTER, INTERNET AND WIFI POLICY

Purpose:

Richland Public Library provides public use computers and access to the Internet to enhance and support the community's access to information, encourage lifelong learning and provide social and leisure activities. Access to the Internet and public computers is provided equally to all.

Computer and Internet Use by The Public:

There is a 30-minute time limit per person per day unless prior arrangements have been made with the librarian. Patrons are expected to have the skills needed to complete their tasks at the computer. Library staff may assist patrons with a few basic functions such as printing documents, opening a web browser and locating the address bar.

Use of the Richland Public Library's Internet connection in an illegal, disruptive or destructive manner is strictly forbidden. Since the library is a public place, staff may limit images displayed on screens in order to ensure the secure and comfortable environment of the library. Use of the library's wireless access point will conform to these same policies. Noncompliance may result in the loss of Internet and computer privileges.

Illegal acts involving library computers or personal devices accessing the library's wireless service may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities. It is against Iowa law to download or provide child pornography or display pornography where it may be seen by children (Iowa Code, chapter 728.2).

Disclaimer:

The Internet is unregulated and the library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Individuals must accept responsibility for evaluating content. As with other library materials, it is the responsibility of parents or guardians, and not library staff, to guide their children's use of the Internet.

Richland Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through the Internet, or any consequences thereof. Further, the Internet is not a secure, private environment. Patrons sharing personal, business, confidential or financial transactions and other activities that require privacy or confidentiality do so at their own risk.

The Richland Public Library is not responsible for damage incurred to a patron's personal storage devices while using the library's computers.

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