

COMPUTER USE

Public computers and equipment, internet access, and basic software applications are provided to further the Library's Values, Mission and Vision. The internet connects the user to resources outside the Library. The Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and is not responsible for its content. Not all resources on the internet provide accurate, complete or current information and some of the materials may be perceived as offensive, disturbing or illegal. Furthermore, users should be aware that the use of public computers is not a private or secure medium, and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding user's activities.

The Library may set restrictions on computer access, as determined necessary from time to time by the Director or the Director's designee. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to:

- Requiring reservations or using a first come, first served basis.
- Time limits on use.
- Bandwidth restrictions.
- Limiting the number of people at a computer.

Parents, Children, and the Internet

Library staff do not proactively monitor the use of computers.

Parents, guardians, and other caregivers are responsible for their child's use of the Internet. The Library and its staff do not assume parental responsibility for a child using the Internet. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are encouraged to continually participate in their child's learning process by helping them choose appropriate materials and websites.

Internet and Computer User's Responsibility

The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its computers. Patrons use Library computers at their own discretion and assume full responsibility for their conduct.

Users must:

- Respect the privacy of others.
- Avoid creating a disturbance.

Users may not:

- Engage in any activity that violates local, state, and/or federal laws or regulations.
- Violate the Library's Patron Code of Conduct.



- Attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or information belonging to others.
- Use programs that infiltrate a computer or computer system, including uploading harmful programming, vandalism, hacking, and the production or use of malware or spam.
- Install or run unapproved software on Library computers.
- Connect a personal computer or device to the Library network without permission. Patrons may, however, use public wireless access at those locations where it is available.
- Attempt unauthorized access to computers or networks.
- Damage or tamper with any Library hardware, software, or files.
- Use or distribute software designed to damage or compromise computer security or operations.
- Misrepresent oneself as another user or engage in fraudulent activity on the network.
- Access inappropriate sites. If such a site is accessed by accident, the user must promptly exit the site.
- Send, receive, print, disseminate, or display text or media that are obscene or illegal as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2907 or that are unprotected under federal law and/or Ohio law.

The Library reserves the right to end Internet and computer sessions if these rules are violated. Violations or failure to comply with the directions of Library staff may result in the suspension or revocation of privileges at the Library. Additionally, illegal activities will be reported to law enforcement.

Disclaimer

By using a Library computer, all users agree to hold the Avon Lake Public Library and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations, or liabilities, directly or indirectly relating to the use of its computers, network, and Internet service. In no event shall the Avon Lake Public Library have any liability for lost profits for indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages or any liability to any third party that may arise from the use of its computers, network, or Internet services, even if the Avon Lake Public Library or OPLIN is advised of the possibility of such damages. The Avon Lake Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's removable media or computer or for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's computers and network.

The Library does not guarantee that every Internet service and every patron device or storage media will work with the Library's computers and network. The availability of information via the Library's network does not constitute any endorsement or ratification of that information.