

GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Computer & Internet Use Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

The Galway Public Library invites members of the community to access the Internet at no cost during library hours. Users are expected to comply with the conditions and terms of this Internet Use Policy.

The Internet may contain information that is inaccurate, controversial, inappropriate, or questionable in taste. The library is in no way responsible for information found on the Internet.

The display of sexually explicit graphic material is inappropriate for a public, open environment and is prohibited. Violators of this policy will be removed from the library building and will have their computer privileges revoked. The library is not responsible for what is displayed on computers connected to the Internet.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNET ACCESS

- All prospective users must read the copy of this policy posted in the public computer area.
- Computer time will be allotted in 30-minute segments. If no one is waiting, time slots may be extended to the next half hour. Otherwise, usage will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Printing is available at .20 per page for black & white copies and .60 for color copies.
- Users may not tamper with the computer hardware or software or attempt to change any configurations. Users must not vandalize or destroy computer files or knowingly spread a computer virus.
- The computer security software does not allow files to be saved to the computer or programs to be downloaded. Patrons may save files to their own disks or USB drives.
- The use of the Internet for illegal purposes is strictly prohibited.

Library staff reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time if these guidelines are not followed.

ACCESS BY MINORS

Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding which library resources are appropriate for their own children. The Galway Public Library has chosen not to use filters on any of the public computers. The library does not act in loco parentis, and parents or legal guardians are responsible for their children's use of the Internet. The library is not responsible for, nor will library staff monitor internet use.

COPYRIGHT

Software available on the computers and networks may not be copied without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials except as permitted under the principles of fair use. Responsibility for any copyright infringement lies with the user.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

There is a Tech Assistant on staff who can provide technology training for patrons certain days of the week or by appointment. Other staff will provide assistance if necessary and time allows, but they cannot provide in-depth personal training. Workshops on computer use and Internet access will occasionally be offered by the library.

LIABILITY

The library assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy.

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_____ President

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