

Manistique School & Public Library Computer and Internet Access and Use Policy

Policy Statement

Internet access and public computers at the Manistique School & Public Library (MSPL) are provided as an extension of the library's mission to offer free and equitable access to information, educational resources, and technology. Public computers and internet access are available for use by library patrons and visitors, regardless of residency, at no cost.

Regulations

1. The Library provides public access to computers, the Internet, and other electronic resources to all patrons.
2. Public computers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The library may establish reasonable time limits when necessary to ensure that computers remain available to all patrons. Additional time may be granted when computers are available.
3. Patrons under the age of 18 who use Library computers without a parent or legal guardian present will be logged into a designated computer user account with enhanced Internet filtering. This additional filtering is intended to provide greater protection for minors and to comply with applicable federal and state laws.
4. Patrons are expected to use Library computers and internet access responsibly and respectfully. Changing or disabling computer networks, or Internet settings is prohibited.
5. Unauthorized use of another person's passwords, accounts, personal information, or identity is prohibited.
6. Library computers and Internet access may not be used for fraudulent, unlawful, or illegal activities.
7. Patrons are responsible for complying with applicable copyright laws when using Library computers and Internet resources.
8. The Library does not monitor, control, or guarantee the accuracy, quality, or availability of information accessed through the Internet. Internet use is at the patron's discretion.
9. The Library respects intellectual freedom and patrons' First Amendment rights. The Library does not restrict access to material solely because it may be controversial or offensive to some individuals, except where required or permitted by law.
10. Patrons may not use Library computers or Internet access to view, display, transmit, or print material that is illegal, including child sexual abuse material or other material prohibited by law.
11. Patrons are expected to use computers in a manner that respects the rights and privacy of other Library users. Material displayed on a computer screen should not be used to harass, threaten, or intentionally disrupt another patron's use of the Library.
12. Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring and supervising their children's use of Library computers and the Internet. The Library does not act in place of a parent or guardian in determining what Internet material is appropriate for a minor.
13. The Library may use Internet filtering technology on public computers as required by applicable law or funding requirements. Filtering software is not guaranteed to block all

inappropriate or prohibited material, and it may inadvertently block material that is lawful and appropriate.

14. Patrons who believe that a lawful website has been incorrectly blocked may ask Library staff to review the site. The Library will review requests to unblock or block websites in accordance with applicable law and Library policy.
15. Library staff may provide basic assistance with computers, printing, and other technology resources as time, staffing, and knowledge permit. Staff cannot provide extensive technical support or guarantee the recovery of a patron's personal data.
16. Patrons are responsible for protecting their personal information, passwords, files, and other data while using Library computers. Patrons should save their work to an external device, email, or cloud storage. Personal files may be deleted when a computer session ends or when the computer is restarted.
17. Patrons should be aware that electronic communications and transactions cannot be guaranteed to be completely secure. Patrons use Library computers and Internet services at their own risk.
18. The Library may access public computers for maintenance, technical support, security, and troubleshooting. The Library does not routinely monitor individual patron computer sessions.
19. Library computers, Internet access, and printers may occasionally be unavailable because of maintenance, equipment failure, or other technical difficulties.
20. Library staff may terminate a computer session or restrict computer privileges when a patron violates this policy or other Library policies. Serious or repeated violations may result in suspension of Library computer or facility privileges in accordance with the Library's Code of Conduct Policy.
21. The Library reserves the right to modify or establish reasonable procedures for the use of public computers and internet services as needed to maintain equitable access, protect Library equipment and systems, and provide a safe and welcoming environment for all patrons.

The following state and federal laws are applicable to the Computer and Internet Access and Use Policy

1. U.S. Code, Title 18, §§ 2256 (1) and (8)
2. Michigan Obscene Material Act, P.A. 343 of 1984
3. Michigan Harmful to Minors Act, P.A. 33 of 1978
4. U.S. Code, 47, § 254, Children's Internet Protection Act
5. MCL 397.606 et seq. Library Privacy Act

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