

## **COMPUTER USE AND WIRELESS ACCESS POLICIES-INDIAN RIVER AREA LIBRARY**

### **COMPUTER USE AND PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY**

Free computer use is available for up to one hour. Printed pages are available at the service desk. (See Below) A printer is available for printouts. Prints are \$.20 per page. Color prints are \$.50

Users may not use their own software programs on the computers. This will help prevent computer viruses that are common on public computers.

Users agree to not incur any costs to the library through access to fee-for-service information providers.

The Library reserves the right to suspend or terminate patron access to the Internet or other network services without prior notice at anytime. Violations of the law, such as destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner.

To use a computer, you must have a general understanding of computers and applications. The Library staff may not have time to train you in using programs. There are tutorials for most of the software loaded in the computer.

Since the Internet is a global electronic network, the Indian River Area Library cannot be responsible for the content. The Internet and its available resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The library does filter Internet access to adult/mature content and pornography. However, it is not responsible for the availability or accuracy of information accessed from remote sites. Patrons must accept responsibility for the content of their Internet searches.

The Library upholds and affirms the right of every individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of all library materials and resources.

Parents of minor children are advised to assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the library's connection. In order to meet the requirements of Act No. 212 Public Acts of 2000, filed with the Secretary of State on June 27, 2000 the Indian River Area Library will "utilize a system or method that is designated to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors." This method will be a designated Internet station located where it can be easily monitored by staff and/or volunteers for explicit matter that is harmful to minors (anyone under the age of 18 years). This is a good faith effort to comply with this public act. Parents are encouraged to work with and supervise their minor children's Internet sessions, as this is the best protection available.

### **WIRELESS ACCESS GUIDELINES**

Free wireless Internet access is available for mobile devices 7 days a week.

The Indian River Area Library offers this "WiFi" network access to the Library's Internet service for properly equipped laptops. Use of the Internet in the Library constitutes the customer's acceptance of the Library's Public Internet Use Policy, using it in a safe and responsible manner. Please read the policy before accessing the network.

The Library's wireless network is unencrypted, thus not secure and is an open network. The Library cannot guarantee the safety of traffic across its wireless network. Information sent to and from a wireless device using the Library's WiFi network may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and appropriate software due to the nature of broadcasting over radio waves (usually within 300 feet). It is strongly advised that personal, financial or otherwise sensitive information not be transmitted through the wireless network. Responsibility for the safety and security of an individual's data files, computer or other wireless device configurations and all personal equipment rests with the individual and will not be assumed by the Library.

Virus, security and privacy protection are not provided by the Library. The Library is not responsible for damage, theft or loss of personal property or software used in the Library. Additionally, the Library is not responsible for supplying electrical power for customer equipment and access to the Library's electrical outlets is limited. The customer is responsible for supplying their own charged batteries.

Wireless network users will not be able to use the Library's printers to print documents.

Due to liability issues, the Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance (configure customers' laptops or portable electronic devices, install software, etc.), and there is no guarantee that customers will be able to make a wireless connection.

The Library's WiFi is available during Library hours. We ask you to not block aisles, exits or access to printed Library materials.

Signal strength may vary throughout the Library and we cannot guarantee Internet speed or quality of connection. Please move to a different location within the Library if you are having trouble securing a connection or staying online. The Library reserves the right to terminate any wireless activity that adversely impacts the network's performance. Preference will be given to the Library's workstations.

The Library's wireless network may not be used for any illegal or criminal purposes or in an unethical manner (hacking; spamming; violation of computer system security; use of computer communications facilities in ways that interfere with, or impede computer use of others; intentional violation of another customer's privacy; displaying information with the intent of being disruptive or offensive to others).

Violations of the Library's Wireless Policy will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner including but not limited to loss of WiFi and Internet privileges. Illegal acts involving library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

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