

## 2.80 Internet Use

**Richland Community Library provides access to the Internet as an information and recreation resource. The Library provides this access via computers located in the library as well as a wireless network for patrons to use with their own computer equipment that they bring into the library. This policy applies to all Internet activity in the Library, regardless of the method of access.**

**Internet resources change rapidly and unpredictably. Not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current or legal. The Library is unable to monitor or control the content of Internet resources. The Library and its Trustees shall not be liable for any damages (direct or consequential) from any information obtained or provided on the Internet. Users are hereby notified that they are responsible for the choices of sites that they visit.**

1. Internet users will sign in at the time of use, agreeing to our Internet Access Agreement. Use is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Users are expected to be considerate of other users, keeping noise to a minimum and turning cell phones to vibrate.
3. Time limit for computer use is one hour from the time of sign-in. Library staff may shorten this period to 30 minutes in times of high demand, or lengthen this time when conditions warrant, as determined by library administration.
4. Parents/legal guardians of minor children, aged 17 years and younger, must come to the Library and sign an Internet Release Form for Minors before the minor will be granted access to the computer network. Parents/legal guardians are responsible for the network use of minor children, and are strongly advised to supervise their child's use of network resources.
5. Computers will be logged off 10 minutes prior to closing time.
6. Patrons with fines over \$10.00 or overdue materials of eight weeks or more must bring their account to good standing prior to using Library computers.

## Responsibilities

1. Internet users access library computer hardware, software, and documentation at their own risk. Richland Community Library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss of data, any damages to the user's disks, data, etc. or electronic transactions of any type which are related to the public use of library computer resources.
2. Downloading may only be done to a user's own storage device, and users must obey all applicable copyright and licensing laws.
3. All pages must be paid for at time of printing.
4. Illegal and Unacceptable Uses: The Library network and/or workstations may be used only for legal and ethical purposes. The following activities are strictly prohibited:
  - Accessing obscene matter or sexually explicit material;
  - Displaying images which other library users may find offensive to view;
  - Harassment of other users or violation of their privacy;
  - Libeling, slandering or maliciously offending other users;
  - Violation of copyright laws or software licensing agreements;
  - Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users;
  - Attempting to crash, degrade performance or gain unauthorized access to RCL's or other computer systems and networks.
  - Running non-library software

Violators of this policy may have computer privileges revoked for three (3) months upon first offense and permanently upon second offense. Illegal use of the Library network or computers may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

*The library staff is authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce rules of conduct and the terms of this agreement and may prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with the Internet Use Policy as stated or implied herein.*