



## COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

Library staff will not monitor a user's Internet use, except for length of use in order to ensure equal opportunity of access for everyone. The user, or the parent or guardian of a minor, is responsible for his or her Internet session at all times.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session that disrupts Library services or that involves user behavior that violates the Library's policies.

The Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents/guardians, NOT Library staff, to determine and monitor their minor children's use of the Internet. (Minors are defined in this policy as children and young adults under the age of 18 years.) Parents are responsible for their children's use of the Library's resources and facilities.

NJLA takes the protection of children online very seriously. While voluntary use of Internet filters can assist parents in guiding their child, such technological "quick fixes" cannot teach critical reasoning skills to children, help children develop effective coping skills or foster an ethic of responsible use of the Internet. Only parents, librarians and educators working together can teach children the skills they need to navigate this essential source of information.

The following rules apply to patrons using the Library's computers:

1. Patrons must sign up for computer use at the circulation desk. A valid library card or photo ID must be presented.
2. Patrons are limited to one visit per day unless there is availability. The Library Director or staff member may allow for additional visits.
3. A 30-minute limit applies when there is a waitlist for computer use.
4. Patrons with \$10.00 or more in library fines cannot use computers until the fines are paid.
5. Children under the age of 8 are not allowed to use the computers.
6. Students working on assignments for school will receive the first 10 black and white printouts for free.
7. Computer printouts are \$0.25 each.
8. Computers will be shut off by Library staff at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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