

COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET POLICY

We are pleased to offer Internet access to our patrons here at the Pontiac Free Library. Advances in technology make possible access to world-wide information sources of benefit to you. Our Internet access is filtered at a minimal level to comply with the requirements of the *Children's Internet Protection Act*. An adult patron may request library staff to unblock a filtered site. The library is not responsible for the validity or contents of data accessed online. The computer equipment is used in a public area; and, therefore, we reserve the right to end your session if material we deem inappropriate is displayed on the screen.

We consider parents or guardians to be responsible for the use of the Internet by their minor children. Parental supervision is advised to prevent access by minors to inappropriate material on the Internet. Parental supervision also is advised when children use electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communication. For reasons of safety and security, minors should not disclose personal information on the Internet.

We ask that patrons follow these rules when using our public access equipment:

- 1.) Sign-in at the circulation desk to use the computers. Maximum of 2 users per computer at the same time.
- 2.) Sessions are limited to 30 minutes. Sessions may be extended at staff discretion if no one is waiting.
- 3.) Patrons must not make any changes in the setup or configuration of software or hardware. Users must agree to pay replacement cost of any equipment damaged or made unusable through improper use.
- 4.) The equipment may not be used to violate any laws.
- 5.) Use of the equipment for unauthorized access, including "hacking" is forbidden.

Failure to follow these rules will result in the loss of computer privileges at the library.

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