

Stanly County Public Library

Policy for Computer Use and Internet Safety

- In compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 CFR § 54.520, all computer access is filtered for content that is or includes “visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to use of the computers by minors, harmful to minors...” (47 CFR § 54.520(c)(2)(i)).
- Computer and Internet access is available to all adult community members. Adult visitors are able to request a guest pass for this access.
- Internet access is available to minor community members when:
 - the minor is accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or caregiver;
 - the minor is at least eight years of age, and the minor can present their Library card in combination with the conditions below; or the minor is at least eight years of age, and a parent or legal guardian signs the Library’s One-Day Agreement for Internet Access.
 - To further address the issue of the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail or other forms of direct electronic communications, in addition to education regarding appropriate online activities, as well as the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors, the Library requires the aforementioned minors read to and acknowledge the Library’s Internet Safety Guidelines before being granted access to the internet.
- Non-internet Computer access is available to minor community members. Such access may also be available:
 - if the minor is accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or caregiver; or
 - if the minor is under the supervision of a school, daycare, or similar institution
- The Preteen/Child computers in Albemarle are reserved for minors/students through eighteen years of age; the Adult computers are reserved for adults and minors/students at least eighteen years of age
- In compliance with CIPA (47 CFR§ 54.520(c)(2)(i)), patrons using the internet for bona fide research may request that a particular website be excluded from filtering so that they may use it for said bona fide purposes. This request will not be immediately granted, but will be submitted to the systems administrator for consideration and potential implementation.

- Unacceptable uses of the computers, internet, and wireless service include but are not limited to:
 - Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors ((47 CFR § 54.520(c)(2)(ii)(D)); and
 - violating all applicable state and federal laws regarding copyright, intellectual property rights, and software licensing;
 - any other purposes prohibited by local, state or federal regulation, statute, or law;
 - tampering with, altering, editing, damaging, or installing unauthorized computer hardware and/or software to include “hacking”.
 - misrepresenting yourself by name, age, Library card, or signature in the attempt to obtain unauthorized access to the Internet or other networks, computers, files, data, or passwords.
- The Library offers free wireless (WiFi) service.
 - This WiFi access is filtered. Information sent to or from a personal device could be intercepted by another user. Anti-virus, security, and privacy protection are the responsibility of the patron.
 - Depending on the availability of staff, we are able to provide limited technical support based on individual ability. We can not guarantee the wireless connection.
 - The Library is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any external web sites.
- WiFi users may not violate federal, state, or local laws, or conduct illegal activity.
 - It is illegal to view, send, receive, print, or distribute visual or audio materials that are harmful to minors if you are in the presence of minor(s), are communicating with minors or you are a minor. Applicable North Carolina General Statutes 14-190.1, 14-190.7, 14-190.8, 14-190.13, 14-190.15. Applicable Federal Law: U.S. Code: Title 18.
- The Library is a public place and patrons should not have an expectation of privacy.
- The Library does not monitor the use of the Internet by users of personal computing devices.
- Parents and legal guardians, not the Library staff, are responsible for the information accessed by their children and which resources are appropriate for their children’s needs.
- Parents and legal guardians may wish to supervise their children’s Internet sessions and/or purchase filtering software for their personal computing device.
- Users of the Library’s WiFi network do so at their own risk.
 - The Library is not responsible for any damage or theft of personal electronic devices.
 - The Library is not responsible for any data loss or theft of personal data (such as credit card information and email) while using this WiFi access.
 - The Library is not responsible for any data loss or damage to hardware when a personal computing device is connected to the Library’s power outlets.



- The Library cannot guarantee the performance or availability of the PC, the reliability of the Internet connection, or the availability of outside Internet resources.
- Computer access is based on a first-come-first-served basis, with extended time granted on availability.
- Please keep in mind, all sessions will end fifteen minutes before closing.
- Please remember to save your work to an external storage device, as our computers will automatically clear it.
- The Library will not be responsible for damage to personal storage media.
- There is a \$.10 per page charge for printing.

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