Chartiers-Houston Community Library  
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POLICY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Chartiers-Houston Community Library is pleased to offer free public access to computers with internet and word processing capabilities free of charge to all library cardholders. The purpose of offering the access is to expand the information available to users. Library cardholders sign an acknowledgement of policy for public access to the internet upon card registration. Users under 18 must have the internet policy acknowledgement validated by a parent or guardian OR use the library computers only when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Free WiFi is also available on library grounds.

The Chartiers-Houston Community Library Internet Policy is as follows:

1. The information available on the Internet is not under the control of the library or any other institution. It contains much useful information, but also material which may be offensive to the user. Not all sources on the Internet contain accurate, current, and complete information. The library cannot control and is not responsible for the Internet.
2. Downloading of material by patrons is not permitted. Disregard of this rule will result in penalties such as revoking computer privileges.
3. One-hour time limits are in effect only if there are other library cardholders waiting to use a computer. If no one is waiting to use the computer at the end of one hour, the person may continue using the computer until someone else wants to do so.
4. The library cardholder understands that staff is not able to teach users how to use the computer or the Internet on demand. Staff are willing to help patrons to the best of their abilities and time constraints, but cannot, for example, type resumes, fill out applications, or manage email accounts for library cardholders. Staff-lead computer instruction IS available to patrons, but BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Inquire at the front desk or call 724-745-4300 about computer instruction.
5. The replacement cost for any equipment or material loss or damage that occurs as the result of carelessness or failure to report malfunctions will be the responsibility of the user. Writing to the hard disk, tampering with or altering the configuration of any equipment is prohibited and will result in suspension of computer use privileges.
6. All users of the Internet agree to comply with all Federal and State copyright laws relating to the use of the Internet and the use of computers provided by this library.
7. Computers are equipped with filtering/blocking software that limits exposure to websites that are known to contain information that is “harmful to minors.” However, this does not guarantee that objectionable materials will not be available at other websites. For this reason, the parent or guardian of the minor is responsible for the minor using library computer resources.
8. Adults, young adults, and other youth who are accessing a site “offensive” to minors will be requested to close the site. No patron is permitted to view any material that is unlawful (child pornography, obscenity, harmful to minors). Accessing or displaying sexually explicit materials that are offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty is prohibited by law (18 PA Constitute Stat. Sec 5903)