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Policy: Computer Resources and Internet Access

The Fayetteville Public Library's mission is to strengthen our community and empower our citizens with free and public access to knowledge.

In accord with its commitment and continued efforts to provide access to informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services for the community, the Fayetteville Public Library ("FPL") makes available computer resources to patrons. In providing access to computer resources, the FPL supports the principles expressed in the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, *Freedom to Read*, and *Freedom to View* statements, and adheres to relevant provisions of federal and state law.

All persons using the FPL's computer lab, workstations or laptops ("users") must have a valid FPL library card in good standing or a visitor's pass. These users and users of the FPL wireless network do hereby agree to adhere to the following conduct code:

1. Use computers for lawful purposes only.
2. Refrain from viewing pornographic visual materials or content that by contemporary community standards would be considered obscene.
3. Users will access FPL computer resources with their own library card or guest pass only. Using another person's library card or guest pass is not permitted.
4. Users are responsible for any damage caused to computer equipment/hardware and/or software.
5. Users will respect and abide by copyright laws and licensing agreements.
6. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
7. Users will comply with any time limitations on computer access/usage implemented by FPL staff.
8. Users will respect the privacy of others and refrain from attempting to view or read materials being used/accessed by others.
9. Users must save data only to removable storage devices. Data may not be saved to library hard drives.
10. Users must establish a print payment account in order to print from computers. Refunds will not be given on account balances.
11. Minors are only permitted to access filtered Internet.
12. Users age 18 and older may request the use of unfiltered Internet for research purposes.
13. Unsupervised users under age 12 may access workstations in the Children's Library only.
14. Users under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult when accessing computers in areas of the library beyond the Children's Library.
15. Only users age 12 and under may access computers in the KidTech area of the Children's Library.
16. Only users ages 12-18 may access computers in the Young Adult area.
17. FPL is not responsible for damage or loss caused by viruses.
18. Some workstations have dedicated functions and use may be restricted to those functions. All others may be asked to yield the workstation.
 - a. Assistive technology computers are intended for the use of persons whose physical needs require these functions.
 - b. Workstations with dedicated microfilm equipment are intended for the use of the microfilm collection.
 - c. "Research Computers" are intended for mediated staff/customer searching and assistance.
19. Users must wear headphones or earbuds for any programs requiring sound and keep the volume at a level that does not disturb other users. Headphones and earbuds may be purchased at service desks.
20. Do not access materials resulting, or which may result, in the disruption of library services (including the display of graphics either illegal or obscene according to local community standards); or allow the access by minors to "materials harmful to minors," as defined by law.
21. Users will terminate their computer session and leave the computer terminal area upon request by FPL staff.
22. Users may have Internet and/or library privileges suspended or revoked for failing to comply with library policies and/or staff decisions.

Use of library computers, including checkout of FPL laptops for in-library use is on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are not available. There is a two-hour time limit for the total amount of computer access per day. Library staff may provide assistance to users of computer resources to the extent time and customer demand allows.

Visitors who do not have a FPL card may obtain a visitor's pass at the Reference Desk. A valid ID, e.g. a driver's license may be requested. A visitor's pass is intended for customers 18 years or older who are traveling through the area and who do not use the Fayetteville Public Library routinely and is valid for up to 60 minutes of computer access per day. One pass per person per day.

Use of computer resources, including the Internet, requires a responsibility of the user to evaluate the quality of information accessed. Although computers allow access to a broad array of excellent information, computers may also access information that can be inaccurate, outdated, inappropriate, offensive, and/or illegal. The availability of information and materials does not constitute endorsement of the content by the FPL. Access to, use of, or dissemination of information through the FPL's computer resources is the responsibility of the user.