

Internet/Computer/Wireless Use Policy:

All use of the Library's computers shall be in accordance with the objectives of the Pleasant Valley Free Library to serve as a center for reliable information and to provide opportunity and encouragement for people to educate themselves continuously

Computers will be available to the public during open Library hours. A library card is required for those who wish to print or spend more than 15 minutes on a terminal. Guest passes will be available for those who are ineligible for a library card due to address restrictions. Under no circumstances will library card number information be divulged. If all library computers are in use, the current user is limited to one hour. If not, patrons may feel free to log back in for another hour. A third hour may be purchased for \$1 if there are available computers. At any time use may be modified by the Library Director. Computers will shut down automatically at 10 minutes to closing. This is done remotely and cannot be extended.

No software other than the Library's may be used. Library software may not be copied.

No material may be saved to the hard drive of a Library computer. If saving is necessary, a personal flash drive must be used. Both of these requirements are necessary to protect against the introduction of viruses and to protect patron privacy.

There is a charge of \$.10 for each sheet of paper printed after the first two, regardless of how the information is used.

Use of Internet and computer services in violation of any local, state or federal regulations is prohibited. Patrons may not send, display or receive obscene, harassing, or libelous messages, files or images. Use of the Internet to access material that is legally defined as obscene, pornographic or objectionable to minors is prohibited and any complaints made regarding a user who is deemed accessing such materials will be taken seriously. If the user does not desist, s/he will be asked to leave the library. A second violation will result in a ban from the library computers.

Children under the age of 12 must use the Internet with a parent or guardian present in the Library or under authorization of a signed release from the parent or guardian. These computers are unfiltered and therefore there is material on the Internet which many parents would consider inappropriate for their children. The Library cannot take over the parents' responsibility to monitor the child's Internet use in conformance with the parents' standards. (Revised 5/10/01)

Information obtained through the Internet is at the user's risk. Many different people add information to the Internet and the Library takes no responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information accessed through the Internet. If a source is in doubt, ask the librarian for a professional opinion.

Users are expected to have basic computer skills, including proper use of the mouse. Internet training may be made available at the Library, but the patron will be fully responsible for any failures resulting from inadequate preparedness. Requests for assistance will take second priority to the normal conduct of Library operations. Staff will aid in accessing word processing programs but cannot assist in creating the documents.

Computer use may be revoked at any time if the patron fails to comply with this policy.

The library also offers Wireless Access for free, no library card required and no time limits beyond the open hours of the library. Patrons need only have their own laptops with wi-fi card. Patron access to this service is completely at the discretion of the Pleasant Valley Library and if at any time the patron laptop violates the above policy, or uses up too much bandwidth such that the rest of the library computers significantly slow down, said laptop will be blocked from access to the network. Staff cannot assist in the linking to the network nor can the library be responsible for the speed at which the portable device accesses and surfs the Internet. Laptops cannot be plugged into the library printer.

In using the Library's facilities patrons agree that the Library, its staff and volunteers shall be held harmless for any loss of work effort or inconvenience that may occur during use of or as a result of using its equipment, infrastructure, software or technical assistance. (Added 5/10/00)