



Pleasant Valley Library

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Internet, Computer and Wireless Use Policy

USE OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS

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 continuously educate themselves.

Computers will be available to the public during open Library hours. Patrons may log in repeatedly in 1 hour increments until someone is waiting. Use may be modified at any time by the Library Director. Computers will shut down automatically 10 minutes prior to closing. This is done remotely and cannot be extended.

No material may be saved to the hard drive of a Library computer. There is a charge of \$.20 for each sheet of paper printed after the first two, regardless of how the information is used. The Library cannot offer refunds for free pages or pages printed in error. The Library offers a coin operated self-service copy machine. Patrons are expected to act responsibly and with consideration for others in matters concerning the copy machines. Persons copying many pages are expected to yield to requests from those wishing to make just a few copies. This machine does not do enlarging, minimizing, collating or double-sided images. As the Library makes no profit off the machine, there are no reimbursements for user error.

No obscene, harassing, threatening or copyright infringing material may be copied on Library property, as defined by the Library Director.

Use of internet and computer services in violation of any local, state or federal regulations is prohibited. Any use for commercial or for-profit purposes 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, they will be asked to leave the Library. A second violation will result in a ban from the Library computers.

These computers are unfiltered and therefore there is material on the Internet which parents might consider inappropriate for their children. The Library cannot assume parents' responsibility to monitor the child's Internet use in conformance with the individual parents' standards.

Information obtained through the Internet is at the user's risk. 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.

The Library also offers wireless access for free, no Library card required and no time limits beyond the open hours of the Library to patrons with their own devices. Patron access to this service is completely at the discretion of the Pleasant Valley Library and if at any time the patron device violates the above policy, or uses up too much bandwidth such that the rest of the Library computers significantly slow down, said device 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 a portable device accesses the Internet. Personal devices cannot be plugged into the Library printer.

All audio and video accessed within the Library must be listened to via headphones at a decibel level that is not disturbing to other users.

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.

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