

LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
Public Access Internet Policy (revised 08/25/16)

The LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM recognizes its role as community leader, providing equal and meaningful access to knowledge and information, using all varieties of formats, including current computer technology. Access to the Internet greatly expands the information services we offer.

The LIBRARY SYSTEM has no control over the information accessed and cannot be held responsible for the content or quality of the information retrieved. We do not monitor access to the Internet, or control the content found. Some questionable sites can be accessed. Because we do not provide filtering, it is the responsibility of the parents or guardians, not the library, to monitor their children.

Use of the Internet is the sole responsibility of the user. The library staff can get you started and direct you to appropriate sites, but they do not have the time to teach you how to use the Internet. Violations of library guidelines and engaging in certain prohibited practices in Internet use may lead to the suspension or revocation of Internet access through the library.

We ask that patrons be aware that the library is a public place, and internet terminals can be viewed by other patrons in the library. The library recognizes that although certain material may not be offensive to some, the staff does reserve the right to ask a patron not to access a site that displays material that may be offensive to other library users or staff members.

LIBRARY POLICIES FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET COMPUTERS

1. You must observe posted time limits.
2. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian in order to use internet computers.

Children, age 12-17, must have signed permission slips on file at the library. Parents/guardians must come to the library and sign the slips which acknowledge that they have read and agreed to the Public Access Internet Policy.

Parents/guardians of all minor children assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet.

3. Adults are not permitted to use Internet computers located in Youth Services areas.

4. The Library will have no liability for direct, indirect or consequential damages related to the use of information accessed through the Library's Internet service.
5. Users should have basic computer skills.
6. The Internet is only another unverified source. Like all sources, it must be judged by the user for credibility and accuracy.
7. Access to the Internet and use of library computers are privileges. Inappropriate use may result in suspension or revocation of privileges. Illegal activity involving library computers, including the Internet, will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.
8. Intentional destruction or changing of files will result in suspension of Internet privileges.
9. You will not engage in any illegal or legally questionable activities, including "hacking," transmitting copyrighted material without approval, or harassing other users.
10. Downloading files will be done on 3.5" formatted disks, and not on the hard drive. The library is not responsible for damage to users' disks or computers or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from use of the library's computers.
11. The library is not responsible for any fees incurred by the use of the Internet.
12. The library does not offer e-mail accounts. If you know your e-mail address, you may retrieve your mail.
13. The first 5 black and white pages printed from the Internet are free. A fee of .10 is charged for every black and white page thereafter. Please check at circulation desk for availability and cost of color copies. Pay for all copies at the circulation desk.