

# PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER USE POLICY

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The Bolivar County Library System provides access to computers equipped with basic productivity software and Internet access to the general public. All users must read and agree to the Public Access Computer Use Policy.

1. Computers are used on a first-come, first-served basis. When others are waiting, users will be restricted to a maximum session of sixty (60) minutes per day. Maximum session lengths will not be enforced when others are not waiting.
2. Children under the age of six (6) must be directly supervised by a parent or care-giver sitting at the computer. Children aged six (6) to twelve (12) may use computers independently; however, a parent or care-giver must be in the general vicinity of the child. The parent or care-giver is responsible for the child's computer usage including material accessed on the Internet and/or any damage to equipment.
3. All minors under the age of eighteen (18) must have a signed *Computer and Internet Use Agreement for Minors* on file with the library system.
4. Library patrons may NOT download any software, videos, install software, or save any files to the computers. Flash drives may be purchased from the circulation staff for patron use.
5. No use of personal software is permissible.
6. Patrons are not permitted to access computer hard drives.
7. Any malicious damage to a computer or the hard drive is cause for the patron to lose privileges to the library and will require payment for damages and/or repair.
8. All computers are connected to the network printer. Patrons are responsible for the cost of items they print.
9. § 97-5-29 (3) of the Mississippi Code prohibits the public display of sexually oriented material including upon viewing screens. Patrons may not access or display visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, or material harmful to minors.
10. The U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S. Code) will be complied with by all users. This law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of "fair use." Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mail, text, images, programs, or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for the consequences of copyright infringement lies with the individual Internet user.
11. Internet filtering as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is used to block visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, and material harmful to minors.

Adult patrons ages eighteen (18) and older may request that the filter be disabled for bona fide research and other lawful purposes.

12. Patrons may not:

- a. use computers to carry out illegal activities;
- b. violate software licensing agreements while using library computers;
- c. disrupt library services or disturb other library patrons under any circumstances while using the computer; or
- d. connect personal mobile devices to the public access computers.