Computer and Internet Use Policy

1. One person per computer due to space limitations and safety issues. An exception may be made when a computer is available on the end of a row. In that case, only 2 people may sit side by side.

2. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied at the computer by their parent at any time the child is using the computer.

3. The following actions will result in the loss of computer access:

   a. Turning off or restarting the computers.
   b. Accessing web sites that are disruptive to others using the library. Examples are sites containing graphic violence or nudity.
   c. Behaving in a loud or boisterous manner.
   d. Disregarding instructions from the staff.
   e. Using a computer that has been assigned to another person.
   f. Installing software or changing the configuration of the computers.
   g. Bypassing computer security features.

4. As time allows, library staff MAY be able to give VERY LIMITED assistance using the computers.

5. Printing is the responsibility of the patron and costs per page.

6. Patrons must abide by all local, state, federal and copyright laws when using the computers.

7. All computers are automatically filtered when accessing the Internet per Federal law (the Children's Internet Protection Act.)

   a. No one under the age of 17 is allowed access to an unfiltered computer.
   b. Persons aged 17 and older may request an unfiltered computer. Proof of age may be required.

8. No guarantee is made on the availability, reliability or accuracy of the library computer hardware, software, wired or wireless networks or information gathered from the Internet.

9. All patrons must sign up for public computers at the Computer Scheduler's desk.

10. On occasion, patrons may need to wait for a computer to become available. In this case, the library's computer reservation system will choose the earliest available computer automatically.

11. Patrons whose session has ended due to other patrons waiting in line must wait at least 15 minutes before signing up for another computer. This rule ensures that all patrons have an opportunity to use the computers during the day.

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