



Holderness Free Library

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Holderness Free Library's

Computer Use & Internet Access Policy

The Holderness Free Library provides public access to computers and the internet in support of the library's mission to provide access to information, learning resources, and digital services. In today's digital environment, internet access is an essential tool for education, communication, civic participation, employment, and daily life.

The library offers free public access to the internet through library computers and wireless access in order to allow patrons to:

- Access information and online resources
- Communicate and engage with others
- Create and share digital content
- Complete transactions with public agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private entities
- Conduct research, learning, and personal business

Public internet access is available throughout the library via library-owned computers and the library's wireless guest network.

Use of Library Computers

Library public computers provide access to the Internet and a variety of software programs that support research, communication, productivity, and other digital activities.

The library may establish **time limits or other procedures** to ensure fair and equitable access to public computers for all users.

Users are responsible for saving their own work and managing their own files. The library is not responsible for the loss of data stored on library computers or on personal devices.

Wireless Access

The library provides wireless internet access for patrons using their own devices.

By connecting to the library's wireless network, users acknowledge that the network is a **public network** and that the library cannot guarantee the privacy or security of data transmitted over the Internet.

Users are responsible for protecting their own devices, accounts, and personal information when using the library's network.

Internet Content

The internet provides access to a vast range of information and viewpoints. The library does not control the information available on the internet and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of online information accessed by users.

Patrons may encounter information that is inaccurate, incomplete, or personally offensive. Library staff cannot monitor or control internet use.

Legal Use

All users of the library's computers and Internet access must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Accessing, displaying, distributing, or transmitting material that violates laws relating to child sexual abuse material or other illegal content
- Knowingly displaying materials that are legally obscene or harmful to minors in areas where minors may be present
- Violating copyright law, including copying or distributing copyrighted materials without permission
- Engaging in illegal online activity or using library resources for unlawful purposes

Users who violate laws or this policy may lose computer privileges and may be asked to leave the library. Violations may result in a trespass order or referral to law enforcement when appropriate.

Privacy and Security

The library values patron privacy and confidentiality. However, the internet is not a secure medium for transmitting personal or financial information.

The library cannot guarantee the privacy of information transmitted through its computers or wireless network, and users should exercise caution when sharing personal information online.

Children and Internet Use

Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring and supervising internet use by children in their care.

The library does not act in place of a parent or guardian. Decisions regarding a child's access to online content are the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Policy Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy or with the library's general rules of conduct may result in suspension of computer privileges, removal from the library, or other appropriate action.

Violations of local, state, or federal law will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

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