



Holderness Free Library

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Computer Use & Internet Access Policy

In an increasingly digital world free access to the internet is a necessity in our society.

The Holderness Free Library offers free and public access to the internet to allow patrons to:

- Access online resources and services
- Communicate and engage with others
- Create content
- Complete transactions with public, nonprofit, and private entities

Public access to the Internet is available at all library spaces via library public computers and wireless access.

Library public computers support a variety of software programs that expand a workstation's capabilities and increase a patron's ability to utilize the Internet. The library may establish time limitations to ensure fair and equitable access to library workstations.

The Holderness Free Library Board of Trustees and its staff assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from patron use of the Internet through the library's network, wired or wireless.

Patrons acknowledge that the content on the Internet is not managed or governed by any entity and therefore they may encounter materials that are inaccurate or that they consider offensive.

Patrons acknowledge that the library cannot protect the privacy of data that is transmitted to third parties via the Internet.

Patrons shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:

- Library patrons may not use the library's Internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, or graphics of material that violates laws relating to child pornography
- Library patrons may not knowingly exhibit or display any material that is harmful to minors in its content or material that is obscene in any place of public accommodation where minors are or may be present, and where minors are able to view the material
- Library patrons must adhere to all copyright laws and may not copy or distribute materials (e.g., with the use of file sharing software) without the permission of the owner. Patrons who do so may be subject to criminal and civil liability.

Failure to follow this policy may result in eviction from the library, and may include a trespass order or arrest. Violation of state and federal laws will be referred to the proper authorities for legal action.

Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring Internet access for their children who are minors. Any additional restrictions placed on a child's access to the Internet on the library's network is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.