Louisville Public Library

Computer Use Policy

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Foundations of the Computer Use Policy
The Library is committed to the principles of intellectual freedom and the freedom to access information from a variety of sources. The Internet is an information resource that allows public library users access to a wide variety of information. Library staff cannot control the content of the constantly changing Internet. Some information may be outdated, incorrect, or biased. Users may find some content is personally offensive.

Use of the Internet by Children and Teens
Parents and designated caregivers are responsible for their minor children’s behavior while using computers at the Library. All Children’s and Teen computers are filtered. Filtering software is not perfect, however, and it may not block everything that might be considered objectionable. For more information, see the Children’s Services Division Policy: Computer & Internet Use.

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Users access the Library computer hardware, software and documentation at their own risk. The Louisville Public Library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss of data, any damages to the user's disks, data etc., or electronic transactions of any type which are related to the public use of Library computer resources.

Unacceptable Use of the Library’s Computers
- Disruptive behavior in the vicinity of workstations
- Destruction of, or damage to, equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users
- Interference with or disruption of network users, services, or equipment
- Unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications
- Violation of computer system security or integrity
- Using the networks to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the Library’s networks
- Propagation of computer worms or viruses
Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network identification numbers assigned to others
Violation of software license agreements
Violation of copyright laws
Violation of network usage policies and regulations
Falsification of one's age to gain access to Internet sites
Distribution of unsolicited advertising
Violation of another user's privacy
Viewing sexually explicit material
Violation of federal, state, or local laws

Consequences of Violating the Computer Use Policy
Violators may lose their library privileges. They may also be subject to criminal prosecution or other legal action.