

AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Internet Use Policy

The mission of the Auburn Public Library is to ensure that its patrons have the right and means to free and open access to ideas and information which are fundamental to a democracy. The library will protect intellectual freedom, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and provide library materials and information services.

The library's goal in providing Internet access is to enhance its existing collection in size and depth, and make available full and equal access to all types of information.

- Use of computers is on a first-come, first served basis. Your time will be limited to 60 minutes per day. If there are special circumstances where more time is needed, arrangements must be made with the librarian. Computers close 15 minutes before the library's closing time.
- There is no email on the browser. You must have your own mailbox through any email service provider.
- No downloading to the hard drive is permitted.
- Printing is available for an additional charge per page for black and white and for color. There is no charge to students printing for school projects.
- Patrons who need assistance must have a helper with them. The library can provide only very limited assistance, especially during busy times.
- A flash drive may be used to save information from a computer. The library is not responsible for any damage to flash drives when used in library computers. Although the library uses anti-virus software on its computers, absolute protection is not guaranteed. Software downloaded from the Internet may contain viruses. The library encourages the Internet user to install and use anti-virus software on his/her own computer and equipment.
- Internet resources are provided equally to all users. Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children, as well as their proper use of expensive computer equipment.
- The Library does not monitor and cannot control information accessed over the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Users should be aware that the Internet contains information which may be inaccurate, outdated or personally offensive.
- The Library is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Patrons may not display on the screen or print materials which may reasonably be considered objectionable. More detailed rules are available upon request.
- Illegal use of the Internet is prohibited. Iowa law makes it illegal to download or purvey child pornography, purvey pornography to children, or to commit fraudulent acts using the internet.
- Each user is responsible for complying with copyright law and adhering to software licensing agreements, as well as all local, state, and federal laws including, but not limited to, those concerning fraud, privacy, or obscenity.

- Patrons may not establish or nurture any business for their own profit on the library's computer.
- Misuse of computers will result in the loss of computer privileges.
- The library provides free wireless internet access for public use. Personal use of the library's public wireless access will conform to policies regulating other types of Internet access provided by the Library.

Internet Use Violations

The public computers at the Auburn Public Library are provided free to the public for informational and recreational use. Because the library is a public setting, certain uses are expressly prohibited:

- Accessing any explicit sexual content. Patrons are not allowed to display on the screen or printer any explicit or overtly sexual material. If it's not suitable for public consumption, the library is not a suitable place to view it. Any content that might be borderline acceptable will be banned if any patron complains or at the library board's discretion.
- Graphic violence, including but not limited to animated violence in games.

Patrons acting in violation of the policies regulating Internet use will be given a warning. After that, any further violations will result in the loss of internet privileges.

Warning Notice:

"This notice is a warning that your computer privileges are in jeopardy. If you have questions about particular sites, you may inquire as to why the site was prohibited. If you still disagree with the decision, you may submit a request for approval of the site, in writing, to the library board. If you are found to be violating library policy again, your computer privileges will be suspended."