

Public Device and Internet Use Policy

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HOPKINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Hopkinton Public Library provides access to public computers and a wireless Internet connection as part of the Library's information services. The Library does not filter its Internet access, and will not be held responsible for inaccurate or offensive materials found on the Internet. Designated librarians are available to assist patrons with assessing information they find on the Internet and with identifying credible sources of information.

To ensure a safe and secure environment, the library expects patrons using computers and Internet in the building to comply with the following rules:

- Use of the public computers may require a valid CWMARS library card or a guest pass which can be obtained from any of the library's public service desks.
- Public computer sessions are limited to one hour if others are waiting. If no one is waiting, sessions are automatically extended for 30 minutes at a time.
- Patrons shall not use the library's computers or wireless Internet for any illegal activity, including, but not limited to, the use of library computers for hacking and unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material in any format. Patrons shall not use the library's computers or wireless Internet to send, receive, or publish any abusive, threatening, or illegal materials.
- Patrons should be sensitive about viewing or leaving materials on their screens which may be disturbing to staff or other patrons, whether on library or personal devices. Viewing or displaying such material in a manner that is visible to other people in the building may be determined unacceptable by library staff.

- Patrons may use library-provided computers in any part of the building. Certain devices may be designated for special tasks, software, or use, and will be restricted for those purposes.

Patrons violating the above rules may have their Internet access terminated and/or may be asked to leave the Library. Library staff are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the Public Device and Internet Use Policy.