

Internet Access Policy (adopted November 13, 2007; rev. 06/14/16)

Policy

The Millville Public Library offers free access to the Internet as part of its mission to provide users with the best and most current resources available.

The Internet is a global network of multimedia information with no central authority or governing body. The words, sounds, pictures and videos that are available on this global network reflect the diversity of human thought and experience. The Millville Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed over the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Millville Public Library does not endorse the viewpoints or vouch for the accuracy or authenticity of information accessed via the Internet. Users are advised to evaluate the information found for validity, currency and completeness.

Parents or guardians of minors using the Internet are responsible for providing guidance to the children under their care and are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions.

Because the Library's ability to provide Internet access is limited, the Library reserves the right to allow access to selected sites to insure the most efficient use of resources. Since the number of workstations provided is limited and must be shared, the Library reserves the right to set time limits for computer use.

The Millville Public Library's computers may not be used for purposes contrary to state or federal laws, or in ways that interfere with or disrupt other users, service or equipment. Activities which are not allowed include, but are not limited to, unauthorized access to any network or computer system; causing degradation of system performance; damaging computer equipment or software; violation of copyright laws; and viewing or printing material from the Internet that constitutes obscenity as defined in NJSA 2C:34-2 or 2C:34-3 which violates NJ State law against public communication of indecency (NJSA 2C:34-4). The library does not offer email accounts, server space for web pages or access to chat groups.

The Library reserves the right and authority to terminate an Internet session at any time.

Failure to comply with this policy, its regulations and procedures will result in the in the patron forfeiting his/her access to the Library's Internet computers.

Regulations

1. A valid card is required. Visitors who are not eligible for a card may obtain a visitor's pass from the reference desk upon verification of their non-resident status. Frequent non-resident users may be offered a network only card.
2. Computer sessions are 1 hour. Sessions are limited to 2 per day for a total of 2 hours of use.
3. A patron may print material or download material to a floppy disk, CD or jump drive. Due to computer security risks, the Library reserves the right to prohibit the downloading of certain file types such as executable and batch files.
4. In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, all public computers in the library that access the Internet have a default filter for children or adults.
5. Viewing or printing material from the Internet that constitutes obscenity as defined in NJSA 2C:34-2 or 2C:34-3 violates NJ State law against public communication of indecency (NJSA 2C:34-4) and is prohibited.
6. The Library reserves the right to restrict access to selected sites to ensure the most efficient use of resources.
7. Patrons are required to pay for all pages printed. In order to avoid paying for pages that are not wanted, **print preview** should be run in advance and pages desired selected in the print menu. Librarians are available to assist with this process. All pages printed must be paid for as they are picked up. Any pages printed that are not picked up and paid for will be added to the patron's library record as charges to be paid.
8. Because of limited space, a maximum of two persons may sit and/or work together at any one computer. This maximum may be reduced to one person at any one computer as needed due to library conditions.
9. Children age 8 and younger who are using the Internet computers must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver 18 or older.
10. The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time.
11. A patron's Internet access will be curtailed due to non-compliance with library policy or procedure including but not limited to inappropriate behavior, or other infractions of library policy, procedure or law.