



**Flint
Public
Library**

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE RULES

The Flint Public Library provides computer and Internet access as an extension of the Library's commitment to meeting the information needs of the citizens of Greater Flint. Use of the Internet is free and open to the public, subject to conditions and requirements established by the Library Board and the Library Administration.

Status of these Rules and this Document

This document summarizes the Library's rules for computer and Internet use but does not present the entire policy adopted by the Board of Trustees. A copy of the complete policy may be obtained by written request to the Library Director. To use the computers at Flint Public Library, patrons must agree to abide by all Library policies and rules, whether contained in this document or elsewhere.

Time Allowed

Each library patron is allowed **up to 120 minutes per day** of computer use at the Library, using his or her own library card barcode. Guest access may be provided to visitors in the area presenting out of state identification.

Printing

Computers are attached to network printers, and there is a charge for printing. No special paper may be used in printers.

Prohibited Actions

Computer resources may *not* be used for the following purposes:

- Violation of any applicable federal, state or local laws, ordinances or regulations.
- Destruction or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users.
- Violation of computer system security or network security, including use of personal devices without permission.
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to or disrupting any computing resources including access codes, passwords or network information assigned to others.
- Use of any software, without permission, other than that provided by the Library.
- Violation of another person's privacy.

Internet Safety for Minors

All computers at the Library are equipped with an Internet filtering system to comply with federal and state laws protecting minors from exposure to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography and/or harmful to minors. Patrons aged 18 and older may submit a written Request for Reconsideration of Internet Filtering for consideration by the Library.

Sanctions

Violation of these rules may result in a loss of computer or library privileges. Illegal acts involving the Library's computers or Internet access will be reported to the police or appropriate authorities and may result in prosecution.

Modifications to these Rules

The Library reserves the right to change these rules at any time.

Internet Use Disclaimer

The Internet and its available resources contain a wide variety of materials and opinions. Provision of Internet access by the Library does not imply endorsement or sanction by the Library of any of the information, images or commentary found on the Internet.

Because the Internet is a global, electronic network, there is no effective governmental control of its users or its content. It is not possible to use the same selection criteria for Internet materials as are used for other Library materials. The accuracy of information gained through this source is the responsibility of each originator or producer of the information. Therefore, the Flint Public Library does not guarantee the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet.

Persons using the Internet at the Flint Public Library are responsible for the Internet information they access and use the Internet at their own risk.

The Flint Public Library assumes no responsibility for any loss or damages occurring directly or indirectly to personal data or equipment, or for any damage or injury arising from use of the Library's computers or its Internet connection.

Parents or those responsible for minor children must assume responsibility for and monitor their children's use of computers and the Internet at the Library. Unsupervised use of the Internet may expose children to inappropriate or disturbing information even if the workstation is protected by technology protection measures intended to prevent such exposure.