



Public Internet Access Policy

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The Bullitt County Public Library provides access to a broad range of information resources, including free access to the Internet for informal and educational use. It is the Library's policy to:

- Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and
- Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]

The Internet is a global electronic information infrastructure, a network of computer networks created and used by governments, businesses, organizations, educators, and individuals. The Internet is not subject to regulations that assure the content or accuracy of information. Users should critically evaluate sources for accuracy, completeness, and currency. The Bullitt County Public Library or any other entity exercises no control over its content. Some people may find some materials on the Internet offensive.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter the Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, to prevent access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, a block shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Internet resources are provided equally to all persons from the Bullitt County Public Library locations. Computer users may be required to check out the computers using the Library's reservations system for certain computers. Others are available but may require reserving a conference room or computer lab in advance.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege. Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer integrity
- Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software

- Violation of another user's privacy
- Transmission of threatening, obscene harassing materials.
- Violation of state obscenity and federal sexual harassment laws, which prohibit printing or display of sexually explicit materials in public places
- Violation of copyright laws and software licensing agreements
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Using the computer for illegal or criminal purposes
- Using the computer to 'hack' the local or any other system
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors

To the extent practical, the staff of the Bullitt County Public Library will attempt to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act. Ultimately, though, it is the responsibility of Parents or Legal Guardians to supervise and monitor their child's Internet use. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Library Director or designated representatives

Abuse or misuse of equipment, software or policies will be grounds for revocation of privileges or possible legal action. The first offense will result in a one-month suspension. A second offense will result in a six-month suspension. A third offense will result in a complete suspension of privileges.

Library staff can provide basic help on Internet use and start-up procedures. If patrons need more in-depth assistance, an appointment may be scheduled with library's reference department. Assistance is limited to the use of computers and other devices and the software and applications. Library staff does not provide help on how to fill out legal documents, tax forms, medical forms, or other content specific areas. Patrons should consult an attorney, tax preparer, medical professional, or another specialist for help in content specific areas.

Files or documents may be saved to removable storage devices. Any files saved to the Library's computers will be deleted. Printouts can be made using our print control system.