The Rockingham County Public Library believes citizens should have open access to local, national, and international sources of information. The library, by providing access to electronic services via the Internet, recognizes the potential of such services to support education, information, and life-long learning. The goal of providing this access is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Use of the Internet computer is on a first-come, first serve basis. Users are required to sign-in at the Circulation Desk. You may also telephone ahead to book a time slot. Computers will be held only 15 minutes past scheduled time slot.

- Patrons must present their valid library card in good standing to use the Internet and computers.
- Patrons may provide a picture ID for the use of the Internet and computers if they do not have their library card with them at the time. They must have a library card on record with the library.
- Patrons must sign the Internet User Agreement
- If patrons owe fines of $5.00 or greater they may pay at least $1.00 to use the internet for an hour of use.
- The library cardholder who checks out the computer must be the one using the computer.
- Parental permission is required for children under 16 years of age
- Printing is $.25 cents per page – 2 sided documents will be $.50

Legal Use

The public and staff may only use computing resources for legal purposes.

U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of “fair use”. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mail, text, images, programs or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user; the library expressly disclaims any liability or
responsible resulting from such use.

Ethical Use

Computing resources should be used in accordance with the ethical standards of the library. Examples of unacceptable use (some of which may also have legal consequences) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer system security;
- Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network identification numbers assigned to others;
- Use of computer communications facilities in ways that unnecessarily impede the computing activities of others (such as randomly initiating interactive electronic communications or overuse of interactive network utilities);
- Violation of software license agreements;
- Violation of network usage policies and regulations;
- The viewing of pornographic images and/or web sites is strictly prohibited
- Violation of another user’s privacy.

Penalties for Violating Internet policy is as follows:

- First Violation – Verbal Warning
- Second Violation – Loss of Internet Privileges for One Month
- Third Violation – Loss of Internet Privileges for One Year

VISITORS MUST SHOW A VALID PICTURE ID BEFORE USING THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS AND SIGN THE INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES. VISITORS MAY USE THE LIBRARY'S TEMPORARY CARD FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, AT WHICH TIME THEY MUST SHOW PROOF OF THEIR ADDRESS (MAIL, LETTER, OR A BILL) AND OBTAIN A LIBRARY CARD.

Responsibilities of Users

Choosing and evaluation sources

We do not monitor or control information accessible through the Internet and do not accept responsibility for its content. We are not responsible for changes in content of the sources to which we link, or for the content of sources accessed through secondary links. Staff cannot control the availability of information links or guaranteed bandwidth.

As with printed information, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Caution should be exercised in sharing any personal information over the Internet.

Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children to insure that they retrieve only materials consistent with their personal and family values. Library staff cannot monitor children’s
information access on the Internet any more than they can control children’s access to books in the library.

**Time Limits Per Day**

- The intent of the policy is to provide Internet access for our patrons. To this purpose, we may need to limit users access to a one-hour session depending on the demand.
- If no one is waiting after the first hour the user may continue to use the Internet.
- After the initial hour, depending upon demand, we reserve the right to request the patron to allow others to use the Internet. They may regain access at a later time.