

POLICY: INTERNET USE

The Yorktown Public Library provides public access to the Internet in support of the library's leading public provider of information and lifelong learning.

While the Internet offers a wealth of information that can be personally, professionally and culturally enriching, it also enables access to some materials that may be controversial, offensive, disturbing and/or illegal. Not all information available by Internet is accurate, current or complete. The Yorktown Public Library has no control over the quality or authenticity of subject matter found on the Internet. Patrons must accept responsibility for determining validity of information. The Yorktown Public Library is not responsible for any information accessed by either adults or minors. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility of their children's use of the Internet through the library's connection.

Guidelines for Internet use at the Yorktown Public Library:

1. Adults must read and agree to the requirements of the Internet Use Agreement.
2. Patrons under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a user consent form.
3. All first time users will be instructed in the use of the internet.
4. All users must sign in before each on-line use with name, date, time and computer number.
5. There will be a 30-minute time limit if others are waiting to use the Internet. This time may be extended at the discretion of the library staff.
6. Web sites may not be established.
7. Users may not install or download any software or save information to the hard drive.
8. No more than 1 person will be allowed on a computer without permission from the library staff.
9. No pornographic or obscene material may be accessed on the Internet.
10. No one but the library staff may change settings on the computers or make any attempt to alter software configurations.
11. There will be no standing around the computers or watching what other patrons are accessing without permission of the library staff.
12. Patrons may not use the library workstation for illegal or criminal purposes.
13. Child Computers – No child under the age of 6 years of age may use the child computer workstation unless assisted by a parent or guardian.

The library staff of Yorktown Public Library reserves the right to end any Internet session at any time for any reason. No deliberate tampering with the computer system will be tolerated.

Failure to comply with the Internet and Computer Use Policy of the Yorktown Public Library will result in immediate revocation of Internet use privileges and possibly library privileges.

The staff is not responsible if the computers are down for any reason and the Internet is inaccessible.