



South River Public Library

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PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTING

The South River Public Library provides public computer use to help fulfill the Library's mission of providing access to resources and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of South River's library user community, and of supporting the individual's right to know by providing free access to information. All Library computers must be used in accordance with this policy and the South River Public Library Code of Conduct.

Responsibility for Content:

The South River Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information available on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for the content, accuracy, or quality of the information retrieved. Not all information available on the Internet is accurate, complete, up-to-date, lawful, or philosophically acceptable to all individuals. The Library does not limit access to sites on the Internet or censor information that some may find offensive. The user is ultimately responsible for selecting which sites to visit but should be aware that Library computers are in a public area and that others may be involuntarily exposed to what is displayed. The Library reserves the right to terminate any session for disruptive or inappropriate behavior, or non-compliance with the library's rules of use.

Only those computers located in the Children's area, and reserved for library users 14 years of age or younger, have a limited filter installed. However, the Library cannot guarantee that the filters will block offensive and/or illegal material. The Library assumes no responsibility for monitoring where the patrons visit. The Library encourages parents and guardians to participate with their children in using Library resources and the Internet. The Library affirms the right and responsibility of a parent to determine and monitor their child's Internet access. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent's signature on file in order to use public computers with internet access. Computers reserved for the exclusive use by children, or children with guardians, are available in the Children's area of the Library.

Use of Library Equipment:

Illegal activities or activities that interfere with or disrupt the network, users, services, or equipment are prohibited. In the case of a user's accessing a site that has associated sound files, s/he must use ear-phones or ear-buds so as not to disturb those nearby.

Use of the Library's computers for the viewing, transmission, dissemination, and/or duplication of information is regulated under various state and federal laws. The Library expects all users to comply with such laws. This expectation includes, but is not limited to, licensing agreements, copyright, and obscenity and child pornography laws.

In order to log on to a computer, a user must be in good standing with regard to his/her library record in any LMxAC library (fines below \$5 and/or no lost materials on the record). Residents of LMxAC communities use their library cards to login; visitors who do not have and are not eligible for an LMxAC library card are entitled to a Guest Pass. Guest Passes are limited to 1 per day. It is the responsibility of the Library user to bring his/her library card or have his/her numbers memorized in order to access the computers. Violation of these rules or limits in any way, including representing oneself as another person by access codes or library card number may result in loss of Library privileges.

There are time limits on Library computer use per day; the limit may vary according to user type. Workstations

will be available from the Library's opening hour to one-half hour before closing. All printing or downloading must be completed within the user's allotted time period.

A maximum of two persons may sit/work together at any one computer, excepting when a parent/guardian is with his/her children.

Internet users may NOT download any files or software to the computer's hard drive. They may download files to any supportable device. Library computers no longer contain floppy drives and therefore diskettes are not supported.

The Library makes available printing at a nominal charge from the public access computers.

Liability:

The Library assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data, the user's portable storage device/media, or from malware that may infect the user's storage device/media or files. The Library assumes no liability for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy.

Any fees incurred by the patron are the sole responsibility of the patron.

Enforcement and consequences of violation of this policy:

The Library electronically monitors all of its computers for violations of this policy.

Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of users, computers, and the network or to enforce any part of this policy. This enforcement includes removal of portable storage devices or media, requiring a user to leave the computer or the Library, or contacting law enforcement authorities.

Use of the Library's computers constitutes agreement with this policy.

This policy is subject to revision to meet the evolving needs of the Internet environment.

Fees:

For the convenience of the user, the Library makes available certain items/services for purchase. These items/services are available at the Circulation Desk. Current Fees are listed below. Fees are subject to change without notice.

- Ear buds - \$1.00
 - Flash drives - 1 GB - \$6.00
- Printing – Black & White per page charge - \$0.15

Time Limits:

LMxAC card holders may use the computers for 2 hours per day in ½ hour increments.
Guest passes are limited to 1 hour per day in ½ hour increments.

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