



Carbon County Library System

Technology & Internet Use Policy

The Carbon County Library System offers a variety of technology services for public use. This includes, but is not limited to, technologies through the use of library equipment or through wireless and Internet connections provided by the Carbon County Library System.

The right to free inquiry as assured by the First Amendment depends upon the ability to read and access information free from scrutiny by the government or other third parties. In their provision of services to library users, librarians have an ethical responsibility, expressed in the ALA Code of Ethics, to preserve users' right to privacy. Libraries also have a legal obligation to protect library users' personally identifiable information and data from unauthorized disclosure and use. Please refer to our Patron Privacy and Confidentiality of Library Records Policy.

The Carbon County Library System offers free and unfiltered access to the Internet for any library user, and does not restrict access to any resource on the Internet for reasons of content.

As with all other library materials, children's access and use of the Internet is the sole responsibility of the child's parent or legal guardian. Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to accompany their child to the library to best exercise their parental responsibility to approve of their children's computer and Internet use. The Carbon County Library System assumes no responsibility for children's use of library computers and the Internet.

Library staff does not provide personal one-on-one computer help but may provide basic assistance, unless offered through a designated service or program.

While the Library System upholds the principle of intellectual freedom and respects the privacy of individual inquiry, both the CCLS and the users share responsibility for assuring that access to the Internet is used appropriately in a public place.

Illegal activities or activities that interfere with or disrupt the network, users, services, or equipment are prohibited and not protected by the library's privacy policy. The library does not routinely monitor public computers, but reserves the right to do so when a violation of this policy or illegal activity is suspected.

Unacceptable use includes, but is not limited to, any illegal or unacceptable purpose, or any use in violation of any library rule or policy or of any local, state, or federal laws or regulations:

1. Accessing, transmitting, uploading, downloading, or distributing material or language that is pornographic, obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, harmful to minors, or child pornography; or use for any purpose that violates applicable federal, state, or local laws
2. Attempting to gain unauthorized entry to other computing, information, or communication devices and or systems
3. Attempting to gain access to another person's files
4. Malicious, threatening, harassing, or obscene behavior
5. Unauthorized tampering with technology hardware, software, or networks
6. Engaging in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment or that is in direct violation to the Carbon County Library System Code of Conduct Policy
7. Failing to pay for printing
8. Failing to comply with the check-in procedure
9. Failing to keep volume low to not disturb others, or use headphones when listening to audio content
10. Failing to comply with time limits determined by staff or give up a computer when requested
11. Violations to Copyright Laws

Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of computers and the network and to enforce any of the following rules: Confiscating any removable media, ending the session, requiring a user to leave a computer or the premises, and contacting law enforcement authorities.

Failure to follow the CCLS Technology and Internet Use Policy may result in suspension of library privileges, expulsion from the library, and/or legal proceedings.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of material that can be personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages. However, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, illegal, inaccurate, or incomplete.

The CCLS wireless Internet service is not encrypted. Users should be aware that any information sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Because of its nature, the Internet is not a secure medium; users should be aware that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding their activities.

The Carbon County Library System disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of library technology or information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof.

The Carbon County Library System is not responsible for the availability, accuracy, or content of any accessed information.

Users are responsible for complying with Copyright Law, licensing agreements, and the policies of the websites they view. The Carbon County Library System disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

The CCLS hard drives are not available for saving files. Files or documents may be saved to user's own storage device or to their Cloud. Downloading is done at the user's risk.

The Carbon County Library System is not responsible for damage to the user's media including damage caused by mechanical malfunction or corruption caused by virus or spyware infection while using the library's equipment. The Carbon County Library System disclaims any liability or responsibility for any corruption or loss of data incurred.