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Internet and Computer Use Policy

All library patrons must present a valid library card to use the public computers, and, if requested, another ID, to ensure the identity and age of the patron. Patrons may not share cards, or give their card to someone else for use. A one day guest pass will be issued for any customer that resides outside the Burlington County Library service area.

Each individual may access a library public computer for two hours per session. If no one is waiting, extra time is given in 30-minute increments. Extensions of the time limit are solely at the discretion of the staff. All printing and/or downloading must be completed within the time limit of your computer session. You will receive reminders five, three and two minutes prior to the end of your session. Any work not saved will be lost at that time. Black and white prints are available at 20¢ per page. Color prints are 35¢ per page. Two-sided printing is available for 40¢ per page. It is up to the discretion of the library staff to seat a patron at the youth computers or the adult computers, or at a certain seat. Only one person is permitted at each computer unit.

Customers may connect to the BCLS network (library_wifi) and are responsible for configuring their own devices. As with our Internet service, your information may not be secure on our wireless service and therefore customers use it at their own risk.

Absolutely no food or drink is permitted at or near the computers. Staff will ask you to store any food or drink in the Café. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed anywhere on the property.

Patrons under 10 years old may not use the computers. At the discretion of the librarian, a parent may supervise a child younger than 10 if that child is using the computer for schoolwork. All children 10 and under CANNOT be left alone in the “Children’s Area” without supervision while their parent/guardian is using the computer. Computer use may be restricted if children are left unattended.

Parents/guardians, *not the Library or its staff*, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Internet users should be aware that not all online sources provide accurate, complete or current information; library customers use it at their own risk. Provision of Internet service does not imply that the library endorses or approves all material accessed. Even though the public computers are filtered, no filtering software is 100% effective. Parents are advised that objectionable material could still be accessible. Parents should monitor their child’s Internet use in the Library. Chat Rooms are not a permissible use of the computers.

Because the library is a public space, library staff has the authority to end an Internet session when material inappropriate to a library setting is displayed. New Jersey Statute 2C:34-4 prohibits patrons from accessing or displaying pornographic and/or obscene materials. You will forfeit your PC use privileges if you violate these terms of use.

The library does not routinely monitor public computers, but reserves the right to do so when staff is alerted of a violation or suspect illegal activity. Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of computers and the network and may contact law enforcement authorities. Customers are responsible for complying with copyright law, licensing agreements and the policies of individual websites. The patron will be asked to leave the Library, and he or she will be barred from the library for 6 months. Documentation of this will be noted in his or her patron record.

The Library Company of Burlington reserves the right to suspend a patron’s Library privileges due to illegal or unethical use of the Internet or for any other violation of policy or guidelines, and also to modify these policies and/or guidelines at any time.