Blauvelt Free Library

Public Computer and Internet Policy

The library's internet access is intended primarily as an information resource and allows users to connect to resources provided by the library and resources outside of the library. Information on the internet may be reliable and current or it may be inaccurate, out-of-date or unavailable. The library cannot guarantee that patrons who use the internet will have privacy in their communications and other internet uses. Internet access is available on public computers or patrons may use a personal device to connect by wireless connection. Non-library computers may not be plugged into the library's wired network.

Staff can assist library users in accessing the internet. The library's internet is password protected. The password is posted in the library and available to library patrons requesting it for use in the library. Library patrons use the internet at their own discretion. The internet contains materials that may be considered controversial or inappropriate. Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their child's use of the internet.
The library's staff is not in a position to provide this monitoring and supervision. Parents who would rather their children did not have access to certain materials available on the internet are responsible for monitoring their child's use of the internet while in the library. The library is responsible for providing equal access to library materials and services for all users.

When using the Blauvelt Free Library public computer, please abide by the following rules:

- Internet use is limited to one hour guaranteed daily, with two additional hours granted in 15-minute increments, so long as there is no one waiting.
- Information may not be saved to the hard drive. Please bring a USB flash drive if you wish to save work. The front desk has a flash drive you can borrow to facilitate emailing work to yourself. The library is not responsible for lost files or "glitches" with documents.
- Users are not permitted to modify the installed hardware or software. Patrons may not change settings on the computer or set up shortcuts. Patrons may not unplug or move computers or screens from their original location.
- Viewing sexually explicit material or other inappropriate material (including Adult Friend Find, XXXMatch.com, and pornography) is strictly prohibited (NYS Penal Code 245.11).
- Misuse or abuse of computers, or refusal to abide by staff requests, will result in immediate suspension of Internet privileges.
- Users may not misrepresent themselves or use the libraries computer to make unauthorized entry into any other computer or network.
- It is not advisable to use a credit card to pay for items you are ordering using our public Internet stations.
- Maximum of 2 people at a workstation at one time.
- No food or drink is allowed by the computers. Please keep gum away from the computers as well. A violator of these guidelines may be barred from entry into the library at the discretion of the library director or their designee.

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