

EDWARD F. OWEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY INTERNET & COMPUTER USE POLICY

The Edward F. Owen Memorial Public Library provides access to a broad range of informational resources including those available through the Internet. The library makes this service available as part of our mission to provide informational, educational, recreational, and cultural resources for library patrons.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of information that can be personally, professionally and culturally enriching. Because the Internet is a vast and unregulated information network, it also enables access to ideas, information, images and commentary that some patrons may find offensive, objectionable or obscene.

The Owen Memorial Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or quality. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of the information accessed.

All computers in this library are for informational and educational purposes first; and priority will be given for these purposes including the use of educational games.

There will be a strictly enforced 1-hour time limit on all computers.

All social networking sites including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and anything not educational or work related will be limited to 15 minutes per day unless authorized by a librarian.

You must use headphones when listening to audio files in the library.

If you are using a computer in a manner that is inconsiderate of others, library staff will ask you to end your computer session.

Save your work on a USB drive. You cannot save on the computer hard-drive.

Misuse or abuse of this policy will result in immediate suspension of computer use privileges.

Library staff on duty has the right to cancel or interrupt computer use at any time.

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