



## Internet Access and Computer Use

The Hillsboro Public Library enriches and strengthens our community by supporting the pursuit of connection, inspiration, and lifelong learning. The library provides access to a variety of information resources, including those available through the internet. It is important that users realize the internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and information content; not all sources on the internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. It is up to the user to evaluate the validity of information found. It is also important to note that the library cannot completely restrict access to materials or protect users from materials they may find offensive.

### Rules

- Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials, or to access materials which by local community standards would be obscene. Be considerate in your use of the internet; you are in a public place.
- Users must end their session and leave the terminal when asked to do so by Library staff.
- Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
- Users will respect the privacy of other users, and will refrain from attempting to view or read material being used by others.
- By mutual agreement, two or more persons may share one access session as long as their behavior and conversation does not disturb other users or library staff and they do not physically block or impede access within the library.
- The computers do not allow users to permanently save to the hard drive. Documents are not saved when a computer station times out.

### Internet Stations in Children's Areas

Software designed to filter access to content on the internet is installed on computers in the children's areas of our buildings. The Board recognizes no filtering system is an absolute guard against objectionable content or a substitute for parental supervision. As with other library materials, supervision or restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Internet Stations in the children's areas are reserved for use by children (preschool through grade 8) at their caregiver's discretion. Caregivers visiting the library with children may use these Internet Stations only if no children are waiting to use them.

### Wireless Network

Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) provides a wireless network at both the Main Library and the Shute Park Branch Library. For further details, please see the [WCCLS Terms of Use](http://www.wccls.org/about/wcclswifi) (<http://www.wccls.org/about/wcclswifi>).

## Privacy Protection

Library Internet terminals are in a public area and offer little privacy for the individual user. The staff does reserve the right to ask a patron not to access a site that displays images that may be offensive to other library users.

Users should be aware that it is their responsibility to protect their privacy while sending information via the internet; take care with interactions involving personal information.

The library avoids collecting or maintaining records that could compromise the privacy of library patrons and will only disclose your records as required to do so by law. Every public access internet workstation in the library uses software that essentially destroys the content of each user's session.

## The Library Bill of Rights and the Internet

The Hillsboro Library Board endorses the American Library Association's document "[Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks: an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/accesstoelectronic.pdf)"

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