



Computer and Internet Use Policies

Computer Use Policy

- Patrons must abide by the Computer Use Policy and Internet Use Policy in order to use the library's computers, including for use of the wireless network.
- Patrons may not alter or reconfigure the library's hardware or software in any way.
- Patrons will be accountable for any malicious use or damage to hardware, software, and data. Any and all damages to the library's hardware and software will be charged to the patron using the equipment.
- Availability of the library's resources is dependent on the status of the technology. This may be beyond control of library personnel.
- Audio must be on headphones at all times, including from personal devices.
- Compliance with all federal, state, and local laws is mandatory.
- Patrons must log into computer workstations using their own library card number. Patron time on library workstations is managed. Guest passes are available only for visitors to the area.

Internet Use Policy (including use of the wireless network)

- Patrons will be accountable for any malicious or illegal use of the Internet.
- Union Library is not responsible for the accuracy or the content of any information found on the Internet. Users are responsible for determining the value and accuracy of online information. Particular caution should be exercised when:
 - obtaining financial, medical, or legal information from the Internet; or
 - disclosing personal information
- Library personnel do not monitor or supervise Internet activity.
- As with other materials, it is the parent or legal guardian of minor children who must assume ultimate responsibility for supervising access to Internet content in the Library.
- Compliance with all federal, state, and local laws is mandatory.
- Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)] is mandatory.
- Access to inappropriate materials, defined as text or graphics, which may be reasonably construed as obscene or constitute pornography, is strictly prohibited. Including materials belonging to individuals that do not originate in the library as well as materials procured through use of library resources. Union Library, in its sole discretion, shall determine what materials are considered inappropriate.

Enforcement

Users who violate these policies will be warned the first time. A second violation will result in being banned from using Library PCs or network for four weeks. For serious or repeated offenses, a patron may be permanently banned and law enforcement may be called. For further details, see the Patron Conduct Policy.