MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY
Internet Policy

To fulfill its mission for providing public access to information, the Monmouth County Library is committed to providing automated access to a vast network of electronic content resources in digital formats. As part of our goal to meet the recreational, informational and educational needs of our public, the Library makes available free access to resources on the Internet. Library users must review and agree to the Internet Policy when reserving a public internet computer at all branches of the Monmouth County Library System.

- Library internet computers and workstations must be used in a responsible manner that is consistent with appropriate behavior in the Library and respecting the rights of others as described in the Library Code of Conduct. The library reserves the right to ask users to discontinue the display of information and images that cause a disruption or discomfort to others using the library.
- Parents or legal guardians of minors under the age of 17 are responsible for monitoring their use of the Internet. Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to provide them guidelines about acceptable use and determine which Internet resources, materials, and services are appropriate for their children.
- You may not use the Library's computers for any fraudulent or unlawful purposes, including activities that violate federal, state, or local laws. New Jersey Statute 2C:34-4 (Public Communication of Obscenity) prohibits you from accessing or displaying pornographic and/or obscene materials. Any illegal activity involving the library's internet resources may be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.
- Users may not modify Library hardware or software settings, tamper with Library software, or circumvent or disable the Library's PC Reservation system. Users may not make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software. Any attempts to gain unauthorized access to restricted files, networks, degrade performance, damage and/or intentionally misuse of the Library's computers or software will result in loss of your internet privileges as defined by policy.
- Unplugging or restarting any Library internet computers, workstations, or other public use equipment is prohibited. Staff assistance is required for restarting Library internet computers.
- The Library cannot be responsible for the availability, timeliness, security or reliability of the network.
- The Library cannot assume responsibility for the security or privacy of any of your online transactions.
- To maintain your security and privacy, please log out of all accounts at the end of your session.

Use of library internet computers requires identification. Patrons eligible for a Monmouth County Library card are required to present or obtain a valid library card. New Jersey residents residing in non-member communities are required to obtain a free internet only library card, which is valid for one year. Visitors outside of New Jersey may use internet computers with a free guest pass, which can be obtained with identification. A list of member municipalities and acceptable forms of ID can be found at https://monmouthcountylib.org/library-cards .

Violators of the policy that governs the use of the Library's public internet resources will have their session immediately terminated, and may result in suspension or loss of your internet privileges. First offense will result in a loss of Internet privileges for 30 days, second offense for 90 days, third offense for 180 days, and fourth offense for one year. Any suspension enforcement thereafter for any chronic offender is at the discretion of the Library Director.

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