



Manistee County Library

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Manistee County Library System Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

I. Purpose

As part of its mission to provide public access to information resources in a variety of formats, the Manistee County Library provides access to the internet. We offer patrons and guests free access to the internet on publicly accessible computers and a wireless network. MCL is not responsible for the appropriateness and accuracy of the content found online.

II. Applications & Rules

- By registering to use a computer in the Manistee County Library System, users agree to abide by the terms of the Library's Acceptable Use Policy and the terms of related computer/Internet procedures of the Library System.
- Use of the computers is on a first-come, first-served basis and is restricted by age. Patrons & visitors are allowed 2 hours on the computers per day. Extended time is available if no other users are waiting for a computer.
- Minors, age 9 through 17, must have a valid library card along with a parent/guardian signature card on file to be allowed to use Internet public access computers.
- Children under the age of 9 may use the Internet only under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian. Children under age 9 may use youth-designated, internet-free computers without parental supervision.
- Accessing an MCL computer using another patron's account is not permitted.
- The Library's network, hardware, and software may not be used for unlawful purposes.
- In accordance with state and federal law and to provide a secure environment for all users, internet access on all public access computers is filtered.
- Any misuse or unauthorized use deemed unacceptable may result in the loss of computer/Internet privileges at the discretion of the Library Administration and/or the Library Board of Trustees. This includes but is not limited to circumventing filters and tampering/altering the Library network, hardware, or software.
- The Library is not responsible for corruption or loss of users' data or files that occurs while accessing MCL computers or internet networks (wired or wireless).
- Manistee County Library System reserves the right to limit, restrict, extend or end computer privileges of users and their access to the available information resources in the Library.

- The library has received funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to purchase hotspots. Any ECF-supported equipment and services can only be provided to patrons who declare they do not have access to the equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.
- In the event patrons and guests require assistance with MCL-owned or personally-owned technology, library staff may offer guidance dependent on the staff member's availability and skill level.

The Acceptable Use Policy and Internet procedures are available at any Library location as well as on the Manistee County Library website.

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