

## Public Access to Electronic Resources

### Philosophy

Access to electronic resources, including the Internet, is provided as an additional information resource and to enhance the existing collection.

The Vernon Free Library does not monitor and has no control over the information access through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Library patrons use the Internet at their own risk. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information.

All Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all library users. As with all library materials, parents or guardians, **not the Library Staff**, are responsible for the Internet information selected/accessed by their children. Parents-and only parents-may restrict their children-and only their children-from access to Internet resources. **Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions.**

### Guidelines

1. Use of Library computing resources to display or disseminate sexually explicit or sexually suggestive (obscene/pornographic) material in the Library building is prohibited. Violators of this policy will be removed from the Library building and will have their Library privileges revoked.

2. Upon signing a waiver and completing an introductory session, all patrons are allowed full access to the Internet. There is no age level requirement to use the computer, but our experience has been that the very young children benefit from using the computer with a parent or older sibling to guide them. If parents are concerned about which sites their child visits on the web, they should sit with their child and surf the net together.

3. You may sign up for a half-hour time slot any time the library is open. After your half-hour, you may continue to use the computer, as long as no one else is waiting for a turn... If you don't show up at your assigned time, you lose the entire half-hour to whoever is waiting.
4. Absolutely no eating, drinking, or gum chewing is permitted in the area of the computer. Noise level around the computer must be kept to library standards.
5. You may have a few friends share your computer time with you if you choose. By the same token, you may choose to work alone. Privacy can be important.
6. Personal programs may not be run on the computer.
7. Do not download anything from the internet. If there is something you need, please ask the librarian.
8. If you need some one-on-one help with the computer, you may schedule a time with the librarian.
9. Computers will be shut down 15 minutes prior to the closing of the library.

## **Wireless Internet Access**

### **Introduction**

Free wireless Internet access is available at Vernon Free Library. You don't need a plug or phone jack, just turn on your notebook/laptop computer or other wireless device and start surfing.

### **Requirements**

If you are not sure if your notebook/laptop computer or other device has this functionality, please check with the manufacturer or supplier of your equipment.

If your notebook/laptop computer or other device does not include wireless networking, you may be able to purchase a variety of external notebook/laptop pc cards and USB devices. The manufacturer or supplier of your equipment, or local technology merchants can help you find the right product for your notebook/laptop computer or other device.

### **Limitations and Disclaimers**

We have tried to make wireless access as available as possible in our library, but you may encounter some “dead spots” in the library where wireless reception may be limited. If you have trouble accessing the Internet or staying online please move to a different location within the library.

The wireless internet access we offer is unfiltered. By choosing to use this free service, you agree to abide by the Vernon Free Library’s Internet Public Access Policy. This policy states the limitations of internet access, your responsibilities for using that access, and provides examples of acceptable and unacceptable uses.

The library’s wireless network is not secure. Information sent to and from your notebook/laptop computer or other wireless device may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software.

The library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be made that you will be able to make a wireless connection.

The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for notebook/laptop computer or other wireless device configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the library district’s wireless access.

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