

## **Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library Computer Resources/Internet Use Policy**

**The Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library** provides computer workstations and free public access to the computer/Internet as an informational, educational, and recreational resource. **Wireless Internet** access is also available to all library patrons, who are welcome to bring their own laptop computers for use during library hours. There is a charge for printing, copying and faxing documents.

The Board of Trustees has established the posted Computer Resources/Internet Use Policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource. Access to the Computer Resources/Internet is available to all patrons; however, this service may be restricted at any time because of use not consistent with the following guidelines.

Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the library's Internet Service. The library recognizes that the electronic information networks such as the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children. Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet. Prior to being granted access to the Internet, anyone under 18 years of age, along with a parent or guardian, must sign the **Computer Resources/Internet Use Agreement**. All users must sign the log-in chart prior to beginning their session.

The library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. Any downloads may contain viruses, worms, adware or other elements that may endanger a user's hardware or software. The library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal computer from the use of data downloaded from the library's Internet service. Printing is not available through the library's wireless network.

The use of the Internet and e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Patrons may not use library computer resources for any illegal action and may not send, receive or display text or graphics that may reasonably be understood by the library staff as offensive to community standards or to the public.

Patrons may not make unauthorized changes to the setup or configuration of library software or hardware, including cables and headphones.

Library staff may impose restrictions, such as time limits, on the use of the equipment. While respecting the user's rights to privacy, staff reserves the right to monitor use of the computer workstations to ensure compliance with the library's posted Computer Resources/Internet Use Policy.

Eating and drinking are strictly prohibited in the upstairs rooms of the Library. Patrons are asked to use cell phones in a quiet and non-disruptive manner, or these privileges will be suspended.

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