

INTERNET USE POLICY **MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

All patrons using the Internet at the Mountainside Public Library agree to abide by the following regulations and procedures:

1. Patrons must log in with their Mountainside Library Card and PIN number. MURAL library members may log in with their home library's card, once they have registered to use the Mountainside Library. Non-MURAL cardholders must obtain a guest Internet pass from the Reference desk. Cards and passes are not transferable. Internet users found to be using another's login will have their sessions terminated.
2. Librarians and staff may enforce a time limit upon use at the Internet workstations. After a 30-minute session, patrons may be asked to give up their workstation to a waiting patron. All sessions must end at 10 minutes prior to library closing.
3. Charge for printing is \$.10 per page for Black & White and \$.20 per page for Color printing. The Library is not responsible for items printed in error.
4. Downloading of information is allowed on flash drives which may be purchased at the Reference Desk. Patrons may use their own portable drives to copy information. Patrons needing to use a floppy disc drive may borrow one from the Reference desk, but must provide their own discs. Copyright laws apply.
5. Programs and applications may not be installed on the computers. This includes CD-ROMs and Web-based programs. Library network cabling may not be used to establish VPN connections for any reason. Patrons are prohibited from disturbing or interfering with Library technology installations in any way.
6. Adult workstations are designated for use by adults or students in high school or older. Young Adult workstations are designated for use by older elementary, middle and high school students. Children in the early grades of elementary school or younger than elementary school age are requested to use the computers in the Children's department.
To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, or access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors minimized, only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
Although filters are in place, parents or guardians, not Library staff, are responsible to monitor Internet use by minors in their care. Parental supervision of minors searching the Internet is advised.
7. The Library's Rules of Conduct and Standards of Behavior extend to users of the Internet in addition to the Internet Use Policy. Library computers may not be used for any illegal or inappropriate activities. Illegal activities include, but are not limited to, viewing or printing child pornography, identity theft and hacking. Inappropriate activities include, but are not limited to, the viewing or printing of obscene material. The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session that disrupts library services or that involves user behavior that violates the Library's policies. Unlawful activities will be referred to law enforcement.

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