



Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a gateway to a vast and ever-expanding network of educational, recreational and commercial information. Most of the information is valuable and enlightening, but users may also find content that is unreliable, offensive or illegal. Library staff reserves the right to prohibit viewing of material that is judged to be inappropriate for viewing in public. Parents are advised to monitor their children's use of the Internet. Any parent who wishes to disallow Internet use by their children may place a restriction on the child's library card.

Rules for Computer Use

1. Each patron must present their own valid library card. Staff may ask for additional identification.
2. Any patron outside the SALS/MVLS service area must show picture identification.
3. Residents of Albany, Bethlehem, Colonie, East Greenbush and Guilderland must obtain a valid SCPL card to have computer privileges.
4. Use of the Internet is limited to 90 minutes per day. Time limits may vary by branch. Exceptions must be requested in advance and will be granted at the discretion of library staff.
5. Accessing material deemed offensive or illegal will result in the loss of Internet privileges.
6. Children under the age of 13 are allowed Internet access unless restricted by a parent or guardian.
7. Library staff may limit computer use by any adult whose children are inadequately supervised.

Viewing Inappropriate Material

Patrons found to be viewing pornography or other material deemed inappropriate for a public setting will be subject to the following procedure:

1. At the first offense, a verbal warning will be issued by a staff member or security personnel that the viewing of inappropriate material is unacceptable and if continued will result in the loss of Internet privileges. A note will be placed on the patron account.
2. **At the second offense, the patron will be verbally informed that Internet privileges are suspended for a period of one year.** A note will be placed on the patron account and an incident report will be completed and signed by library staff, security personnel and the library director.

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