

Computer & Internet Usage Policy

LCLS provides computer and Internet access privileges to library patrons. Internet access expands and enhances the library's existing collections by providing additional informational, educational, leisure and cultural resources.

Computer and Internet Use

- Computers are used on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of sixty (60) minutes. During high usage times the staff reserves the right to limit session times.
- No child under the age of five is allowed to use a networked computer.
- Children ages 5-17 have the same right to use public computers as adults.
- Parents are responsible for supervising children who use computers. The library staff will not be responsible for children using computers.
- Patrons who use computers may not leave children age 6 and under unattended in the library. If older children do not act appropriately, staff may ask the parent or guardian to leave the computer to attend to the child or children.
- Staff reserves the right to remove anyone who is violating the library code of conduct.
- Computer users are permitted to use mass storage devices or diskettes or may purchase storage devices from the library.
- Library users should not alter computer configurations.
- Printing from the computer is available at twenty (20) cents per page for black and white and fifty (50) cents per page for color.
- Print-outs made in error are the responsibility of the patron.
- If the patron or the patron's child should damage, through abuse or misuse, the hardware or software, the patron shall be responsible for any necessary repairs or replacement.
- Online class work is permitted, but the library cannot guarantee that a computer will be available for specific courseware timeframes.
- Per Mississippi Code Section 97-5-29, it is illegal to publicly display graphic, obscene, or pornographic materials.
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A first violation will result in the termination of the patron's current computer session. A second violation will result in the permanent suspension of the patron's computer/Internet privileges. Any and all computer and/or Internet policy violations are documented in the patron's record file or on an incident form should the user be a guest.

Unacceptable behavior can result in a patron losing all library privileges for the day, or permanently. In the case of criminal offense, law enforcement will be contacted. Extreme violations of these guidelines may result in criminal prosecution. Unlawful activities on the library's computers will be dealt with in accordance to local, state, and federal laws.

Disclaimer

The Lamar County Library System provides Internet filtering in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act. However, Internet filters are not failsafe. The Lamar County Library System does not monitor, nor does it have control, over the information accessed on the Internet. The Library System cannot be held responsible for Internet content, and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy or currency of any Internet resource. The Internet allows users to connect to networks and resource databases not selected or reviewed by the Library. The Internet can contain material of a controversial nature, which some may deem inappropriate for themselves or their children. All users need to be aware that some content

available on the Internet can contain material that is illegal, defamatory, potentially offensive, and/or disturbing to other library users. All users are responsible for their own and/or their children's Internet use.