



COMPUTER USE POLICY

Coos Bay Public Library makes computers and Internet access available in support of the library's role as a provider of current resources for lifelong learning, social exchange, and entertainment.

CBPL (Coos Bay Public Library) cannot control the nature or content of information accessed on the Internet, nor can the library protect users from information they might find offensive. Not all information on the Internet is accurate, current, or complete. Library users are encouraged to be critical consumers and to evaluate the validity of information carefully. If a user has concerns about the quality or content of a site, they should contact the original producer/developer of that site. Users are responsible for the access points they reach. Parents of minor children are responsible for their children's use of the Internet.

Any use of CBPL computers and/or Internet service that interferes with the activities of the library, its users, or its network is strictly prohibited. Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- accessing material harmful to minors
- harassing, bullying, libeling, or slandering
- using the Internet for any illegal purposes
- damaging equipment
- altering computer hardware or software, including screen settings
- disrupting electronic communications
- violating copyright or software licensing
- violating another user's privacy

The standards of intellectual freedom and confidentiality endorsed by the American Library Association and incorporated into CBPL policies for traditional media shall apply also to the use of electronic media, including the Internet.

Library staff are responsible for ensuring this policy is enforced. Violations of this policy can result in loss of Internet privileges and may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.



PRINTING AND DOWNLOADING

Users may print electronic files or copy them to a personal portable storage device.

- The charge for printouts is displayed during the printing process and is subject to change.
- The library may offer portable storage devices for sale and the cost is subject to change.

Users should be aware that downloaded files may contain viruses. CBPL is not responsible for damage which may result from files downloaded from the Internet. Users must adhere to copyright and software licensing when downloading.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

CBPL staff will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits but cannot offer personal instruction. Formal instruction or information on the Internet may be offered by the library at designated times.

Users are responsible for configuring their own equipment. The library is not responsible for any changes made to an individual computer's settings and does not guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection.

Coos Bay Public Library cannot guarantee viewing privacy, nor can the library guarantee the privacy of information sent or received over the Internet.