

Parchment Community Library

Internet Policy

The Parchment Community Library provides public access to computers and the Internet in support of its mission. Not all sources on the Internet offer timely or reliable information. The user is advised to question the validity of information obtained on the Internet. Also, the Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its public use computers, its WWW server, or its connections to other Internet services through our service provider.

Materials brought up on any public access computer are considered on display for public viewing. The library has installed a "weighted" filter that excludes sexually oriented materials in order to comply with CIPA (the Child Internet Protection Act) and Michigan law PA 212. Users age 18 and older may choose unfiltered access, but all users must read and adhere to the following Rules for Computer Use. Violators will be required to terminate their computer session and may lose their Internet privileges, computer privileges, and/or their Library privileges.

RULES FOR COMPUTER USE

1. Only one person may use a computer at a time, unless permission is granted by the Reference Librarian on duty. Those not using a computer may not stand behind, or sit next to, those who are.
2. Be considerate of one another. Please do not use a cell phone while at a public computer, or engage in lengthy or loud conversations with others. Boisterous conduct or profane, obscene or injurious language, text or graphics will not be tolerated.
3. Log off and close all applications at the end of your session.
4. Internet stations and printers will be shut down 15 minutes before closing.
5. You must pay for all pages printed. If you have any questions about printing, please ask for assistance.
6. You must adhere to federal, state, and local laws governing the content, transmission, and dissemination of information. In accordance with state and federal laws, the Library does not allow anyone using a computer on Library premises to view matter that is obscene or material that is sexually explicit and harmful to minors, because a minor could view it. Persons who do not comply with this rule will lose their Internet privileges and may lose any or all other Library privileges.
7. Children aged 17 and younger must have a parental or guardian authorization to use the Internet. The parent(s) or guardian(s) must read the Internet Policy before signing the consent form. Children aged 17 and younger must use a filtered Internet station. The filter attempts to block sexually explicit sites. However, no filter is completely effective. Parents are urged to monitor their

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children's Internet use. Children without a signed parental consent form may use the Internet only if physically accompanied by a parent or guardian while using the computer.

8. Using another person's library card, Internet user number, password, or signature may result in loss of computer privileges. Minors may not use an adult library card to log in to the public use computers unless physically accompanied by a parent or guardian while using the computer.
9. You are allotted a specified amount of computer time each day, and you are limited to that time. Use of multiple library cards and/or Internet user numbers is forbidden. Your allotted computer time counts even when you are sharing a computer with someone else.
10. Hacking, attempts at hacking, configuration changes or attempts, and software modifications or attempts are prohibited and will result in the loss of Library privileges.
11. Only software provided by the library may be used. Installation of software belonging to patrons is prohibited.
12. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
13. The library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning computer, software, or Internet use. We encourage patrons to use our resources, including tutorials, guides, and classes, to improve their computer skills.
14. Patrons using the library equipment to access the Internet have the responsibility to use the equipment in a respectful and caring manner. Abuse or misuse of the Internet computer will result in loss of access privileges.

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