



Library Computer & Internet Policy

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The Sharon Springs Free Library provides its patrons with access to computers and the Internet as part of its ongoing commitment to make information available in a variety of formats and from a variety of sources.

The Library's computers are available to the public for free.

Patrons with a juvenile or teen library card must have parental permission on file with the Library to access the Internet. Parents and guardians are responsible for sites their children access. The Library staff cannot and does not act *in loco parentis*. Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to participate in their child's learning by helping their child select materials that parents or guardians feel are appropriate.

Users may not modify Library hardware, delete or modify Library software nor install software on Library computers. Only the CD and USB drives may be used for accessing and saving personal files.

The Library cannot control the information available through the Internet and does not accept responsibility for its quality, accuracy, or timeliness. Library computers do not have filters. Internet users who release personal information do so at their own risk. Anything accessed or entered on the Library's computers is not secure and may be accessible to others.

The Library is a public space that is shared by patrons of all ages. The Library's internet workstations may not be used for illegal, harmful, or damaging purposes; may not be used to access potentially offensive information or images, and must be used in compliance with this policy.

A patron's internet privileges will be suspended or revoked if, in the opinion of the Library Director, use and/or behavior at the internet workstations is not in accordance with this policy. Illegal acts involving the Internet connection may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. Users will be held responsible for their actions using the internet.

The Library also provides wireless access to anyone having a device with wireless capability. Devices are not provided by the Library. Wireless users are bound by the same usage guidelines as patrons using the Library's equipment.

A printer/copier/fax machine is available for public use at a nominal charge per page. Charges are to be paid for when leaving the library. See library staff for current rates.

The computer area will have these rules posted.