

## CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY: COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

The Conrad Public Library provides patrons with computer and internet access (fixed and wireless) at no cost, along with printing capabilities (some fees may apply). While the Library strives to provide these services uninterrupted, equipment can be subject to maintenance and unforeseen failures that cause access to become limited or unavailable; no guarantees of service are expressed or implied.

The Library is a public space that provides open access to information, so internet service is unfiltered. However, patrons are prohibited from using the internet in a manner that violates any local, state, or federal law. Displaying material viewed on a computer or personal device in the Library that is deemed obscene by MCA § 45-8-201 and/or MCA § 45-8-206, constituting sexual harassment, illegal activities, threatening behavior, and/or violating the Patron Conduct policy may result in loss of some or all Library privileges. Patrons must be considerate and refrain from disrupting others around them.

As with other Library materials, a child's use of Library computers or the internet is the responsibility of their parents and/or caregivers.

### User guidelines:

- use of a Library computer and internet access is subject to the terms of this policy
- use is only for legal activity and in a manner consistent with the Patron Conduct policy
- headphones are required for listening to any resource with an audio component; earbuds are available for purchase at the front desk
- patrons shall be responsible for their own use and dissemination of information, including any personal data shared on Library computers or internet
- disabling or damaging hardware or software is strictly prohibited
- downloading software, networks, or services must be approved by a librarian
- a time limit for computer use may be set depending on availability
- promptly pay for any printing fees incurred

Librarians will assist patrons with basic technology assistance. Patrons assume all liability for any loss, damage, or injury arising from use of services provided and hold harmless the Conrad Public Library against any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of computers and the internet.

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