

Computer, Internet, and Wireless Use Policy

The Cleburne Public Library offers public access computers, Internet and wireless access as part of its mission and plan of service. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to include resources of many valuable local, national, and international sources unavailable from our collection. Those who use library computers or their own devices are required to abide by the following policy as well as any additional rules and or time limits, which may change on an as needed basis.

User Responsibilities:

It is the user's responsibility to exercise judgement and discrimination when evaluating information. Users may find content that is unreliable, offensive and disturbing. The Cleburne Public Library assumes no responsibility for content, security, or reliability of websites. Users are responsible for the information they seek and access on the Internet. In accordance with the Federal Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Library's computers and the wireless network employ filtering software that prevents access to information deemed offensive. No filter is 100% effective, and the Library is not responsible for the content of information retrieved while using the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of the Internet or Library computers. Users may use the Internet at their own risk.

Rules Governing Use:

- Access is on a first-come-first-served basis. Computers may be used up to 90 minutes per day. Time limits may change without notice.
- A valid library card, computer access card, or guest pass allows access to library computers. Account balances must not be over \$5.00.
- A computer access card may be purchased for \$10 for six months or \$20 a year.
- Two guest computers are available for one fifteen-minute session per day.
- Users must use headphones or earbuds for sites that require sound.
- Verbal communication on cell phones while using library computers is prohibited.
- Report equipment problems promptly to library staff.
- Follow instructions and directives of library staff.
- Users may access, edit, print or attach personal documents from an electronic storage device.
- Users may display, print or view non-offensive graphical images; they may not display, print or view images that are in violation of Texas Law PC 43.24 -- Sale, Distribution, or Display of Harmful Material to Minors.
- Users should expect no privacy when using electronic resources provided by the library whether accessed from an external site or internally. These are public computers used in a public place.
- Users are expected to show courtesy to others, not to engage in activities that are hostile or intimidating and to use library computers in a responsible manner.

Violations of Use:

- Users are expected to use computer workstations as they are currently set up; they may not add, alter or delete files on workstations, hard drives, networks or other equipment. They are not to attempt to bypass network security functions, obtain passwords, or alter the configuration of library computer workstations in any way.
- Library computer workstations may only operate licensed software owned by the City. The installation or attempt to install other software applications is prohibited.
- Unplug, remove, modify, or damage computer equipment in any way.
- Users are expected to honor U. S. Copyright law. U. S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U. S. Code) prohibits unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials except as permitted by principles of 'fair use.' Responsibility for copyright infringement lies solely with the customer.
- Library computers, equipment and networks may not be used for any purpose that violates federal, state, or local laws. Illegal acts involving library computers may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.
- Violations will be dealt with in an appropriate and serious manner. Library staff may terminate computer sessions and revoke privileges of users who violate or refuse to comply with this policy.

Children's Use:

- Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children including the Internet. The library does not have either the right or the responsibility to act in loco parentis.
- The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians. Access, use, or dissemination of information via the Internet in the library is a joint responsibility of the child and the parent or guardian.
- Children may use public computers in designated areas.
- Those under eighteen will not be allowed at adult Internet computers.
- The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from allowing a child access to use this resource.

Wireless Use:

- Wireless access is a free public service provided by the library. By choosing to use this service, the user agrees to abide by this policy.
- Use of wireless access is at the users' own risk. The library is not responsible for any loss of data, theft or damage to personal equipment or software.
- The library cannot guarantee a secure wireless connection to the Internet.
- Anti-virus and security software are the responsibility of the user.
- Library staff cannot assist with technical support in regards to equipment.
- Certain areas of the library may be specified for wireless use.
- Users accessing the wireless Internet connection using personal equipment are still subject to Texas Penal Code 43.22 and 43.24.

Illegal Activity

- Library computers and the wireless network may not be used for any activity prohibited by law including but not limited to accessing pornography or materials, which by local community standards would be obscene as defined in U.S. Code Title 18 and Texas State Penal Code Chapter 43. Users are prohibited from using the Library's network for illegal activity as defined in sections 43.22 and 43.24 of the Texas Penal Code
- §43.22 of the Texas Penal Code prohibits the intentional or knowing display of an obscene photograph, drawing, or visual representation, while being reckless about whether a person is present who will be offended or alarmed by the display.
- §43.24 of the Texas Penal Code prohibits the display of harmful material, defined in the law similarly to indecent material under federal law, if the displayer is reckless about whether a minor is present who will be offended or alarmed by the display.

Staff Assistance:

- The Library provides computers and wireless access as a resource to the community, and expects customers to use them independently. Library staff will provide general guidance on use and resources, but cannot provide one-on-one in depth, individual training.