INTERNET Access Policy

Mission Statement

The Nutley Free Public Library is a cultural center facilitating access to information, ideas and forms of creative expression. The Library advocates reading, information seeking and lifelong learning among all members of the community as a means of pursuing personal, professional and leisure time goals.

The Library will accomplish its mission effectively by providing excellence in staff, facilities, collections, technology and programs and by participating in cooperative networks.

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To this end, the Nutley Free Public Library provides access to a broad range of information resources available through the INTERNET.

The Library does not endorse the viewpoints or vouch for the accuracy, timeliness, content, or authenticity of materials accessed via the INTERNET. It is left to each patron to determine what material is appropriate. However, the Library encourages usage consistent with the Library’s mission.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINORS USING THE INTERNET ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO THE CHILDREN UNDER THEIR CARE.

Patrons have the right of confidentially in all their activities with resources and services provided by the Library. The Library supports the patron’s right to privacy within the limits of conducting activities in a public building. PATRONS SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE AWARE THAT THE LIBRARY CANNOT ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THEIR INTERNET USE. Patrons are advised that because security is technically difficult to achieve, electronic communications and files could become public.

The Library endorses the American Library Association’s “Library Bill of Rights.” All adult library patrons are provided equal access to resources available on the INTERNET.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an INTERNET session at any time for any reason. Conditions of Use: Adults

Workstations in the adult areas are reserved for the use of adults.
Patrons may use the workstations for one hour. Extensions of 30 minutes may be granted, depending upon usage.

Express stations in the reference room can be used once for 15 minutes.

The last Internet session on any day will end 15 minutes before the Library closes.

Patrons may print electronic documents at the cost of $.10 per page for black and white and $.50 per page for color. Documents may be retrieved and printing fees paid at the Reference Desk.

**Conditions of Use: Children**

The workstations in the Children’s Room are reserved for the use of children who have not entered 9th grade. Access to the INTERNET is filtered at these workstations.

Children may use the workstations for one hour. Extensions of 30 minutes may be granted.

The last session on any day will end 15 minutes before the Library closes.

Children may print electronic documents at the cost of $.10 per page for black and white and $.50 per page for color. Documents may be retrieved and printing fees paid at the Reference Desk.

**PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GUIDING THE SELECTION OF INTERNET SITES FOR CHILDREN.** An appropriate browser for use by children is provided on the workstations. The children’s links on the Nutley Free Public Library Home Page are recommended as a starting place for children.

**iPads**

Use of the four iPads in the Children’s room are for use by children age 12 and under. They may be used for 30 minutes. The four iPads for teens, housed on the shelf in the Teen area are to be used by children age 13 and up. There is no time limit for these iPads.

**Rules of Conduct for the Internet**

INTERNET access in the Library is a shared resource intended for informational or educational purposes. The Library may set limits, for example, on the use of large files of still or moving images or sound, or on downloading files in any medium. The Library also reserves the right to limit the amount of time an individual patron can devote to a single session.
Patrons may not:

- Use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational information or communication services or resources.
- Distribute unsolicited advertising.
- Invade the privacy of others.
- Make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software or to invade system security.
- Engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory.
- Use the INTERNET for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other rights of third parties, or in a manner inconsistent with the Library’s tax-exempt status or its property operation.
- Use one’s own software or diskettes.
- Use the INTERNET for commercial purposes.
- Use the INTERNET to seek, access, read, create or print obscene or illegal content.

Violations may result in loss of access. Unlawful activities will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.


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