

Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a global network connecting millions of computers. Research using the Internet is distinct from library research (focusing on library-bound resources) and commercial database research (focusing on commercial databases). Patrons are encouraged to seek help from Library staff to determine the best resources for their research.

The Milford Public Library disclaims any warranty of the accuracy, authoritativeness, timeliness, or usefulness of the information obtained from the Internet; it shall have no liability for any direct, indirect, or consequential damages related to the use of the information contained in, or obtained through, its electronic information systems. The Library is not responsible for damages resulting from use of our equipment.

The Milford Public Library uses technology protection measures to:

1. Prevent access to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of electronic communication.
2. Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity.
3. Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification of minors; and
4. Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in the CIPA.

Technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of authorized library staff, after review of request and without significant delay. The Milford Public Library shall not be responsible for supervising and monitoring children's use of computers.

The Library respects a patron's right to both confidentiality and privacy. Where possible, the Library limits the information it collects on Library computers or wireless devices connected to the Library's network by patrons, and will not release information unless required to do so by law.

Applicable State and Federal Laws:

Materials obtained or copied from the internet may be subject to copyright laws. U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials except as permitted by the principles of fair use. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mail, text, images, programs, or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

Procedures for use of Library Desktop Computers

1. Internet sessions are 60 minutes. Patrons may reserve time up to one week in advance by contacting staff or using the self-service kiosk. No reservations can be placed within 15 minutes of the library closing. Reservations will be held for 10 minutes before being forfeited.
2. Staff may extend your session for up to one additional 60-minute period if there are no reservations. During periods of low usage, staff may extend additional time. No extensions are allowed on the 15-minute use computer.
3. There is a maximum of two people per computer at a time.
4. Staff is available to help, when possible, but users should have basic skills in using computers. Downloading to external media is permitted. Earphones are required when listening to audio.
5. Printing is available for a fee (See Table of Fines, Fees, and Loan Periods). Printing must be completed before the Library closes.
6. Adults may not use the computers in the children's area unless accompanying their child or children. Children in grade five or under may not use the adult computers unless accompanied by an adult.
7. The Library expressly prohibits any use of Library equipment and/or networks to access material that it deems obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors.
8. While computers are reset daily, users are responsible for clearing account information and personal files from the computer before their session ends.
9. The computer areas are reserved for quiet computer use. Computer privileges and/or library privileges may be suspended for misuse, abuse, or illegal use of the Internet, behavior which is disruptive to the operation of the library and/or the use of the library by others, or because of other violations of this policy.