



DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE OPERATING POLICY

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INTERNET

Information Access

The use of library computers for the transmission, dissemination and/or duplication of information is regulated by state and federal laws. Library users are bound by the Texas Penal Code, sections 43.21, 43.22 and 43.24, which make display of obscene materials a criminal offense. All library users must comply with these laws. Library policy forbids the access of illegal material on its terminals. To this end, Denton Public Library uses electronic filtering to restrict access to pornographic sites.

Internet Use

- The library does not control information found on the Internet.
- Individuals who use the Internet are responsible for evaluating the validity and appropriateness of the information they access.
- The library cannot be held responsible for content found on the Internet.

The library does not provide e-mail accounts; however, customers may be able to access their free web-based e-mail accounts through library computers.

Internet Use by Minors

As with other library materials, supervision of a child's use of the Internet is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian.

Responsibilities of Internet and Other Computer Users

The following actions may result in the loss of computer access and/or library privileges:

- Shutting off computers or purposely manipulating computers.
- Damaging computer equipment or software.
- Use of any library card but their own.
- Engaging in harassing or defamatory activity on-line.
- Use of computers for illegal activity.
- Relocating computer monitors or PC towers.

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COMPUTER USE

1. Computer users are responsible for complying with Copyright legislation.
2. To use an Internet computer, one must have a valid card issued by the Denton Public Library.
3. Computers are available on a first-come first-served basis. If no computers are currently available, a reservation can be placed for a computer session.
4. Computer session reservations expire five (5) minutes from the reserved time.
5. Customers may not use a card other than their own to access library computers.
6. Card holders are permitted at least two 1-hour Internet sessions per day. Session limits may vary by location.
7. For their personal security, customers should end their session when they are done using the computer.
8. Refer to the Denton Public Library Schedule of Fees for printout costs.
9. The library is not liable for information received or sent from public access computer workstations or laptops.
10. Work not saved before the end of a session is lost and is not retrievable.
11. Customers using a workstation attached to a scanner or other specialized equipment may be asked to move if the specialized equipment is needed and there are other workstations available.
12. The use of computer workstations in Special Collections Research area at Emily Fowler Central Library are for genealogical or historical research, or Legacy Lab use. Those needing to do other types of work must use the public workstations downstairs.
13. Workstation availability in the Special Collections Research area is dependent on Legacy Lab appointment reservations.
14. Computer workstations attached to the Microfilm Scanner/Readers in the Special Collections area at the Emily Fowler Central Library may only be used to access microfilm or microforms.