Fairfax Community Library
Public Computer Use Policy

The Fairfax Community Library has computer terminals available that provide the public access to the of catalog, the Internet, *office software* and the Vermont Online Library.
The individual user is responsible for the computer being used. Patrons must use the library computers responsibly, respecting the rights of others and taking care of the equipment. Computer users are liable for any damage done to the equipment or software.
Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's use of this resource.

BFA Fairfax Student Use
During school hours, students must abide by the school computer Acceptable Use Policy. From 2:45 until closing, on Saturdays, and during vacations, students must abide by the Fairfax Community Library Computer Use Policy.

Community Patrons Use
All patrons, (including students during after school hours) are required to sign in when using the library computers. During school hours, from 8 AM – 3 PM, there is a one hour time limit on use, and after 3 p.m. it is unlimited. If all computers are in use and someone is waiting, the person who has been on the longest may be asked to log off.
BFA teachers may reserve some or all of the computers for students in their class to use during a specific time.
The Library staff does not provide in-depth support for computer users. Loss of a patron's time, work or property due to equipment malfunction shall not be the responsibility of the library.
When visiting an Internet site with sound, patrons are asked to keep the volume low, or use headphones. The library has headphones available.

Computer workstations may be shut down 10 minutes before the Library closes.

The Following Activities are Not Allowed:
- Violation of applicable state and federal laws governing information access, U.S. copyright laws and licensing agreements or conduct any illegal activities, including child pornography (See 18 U.S.C. § 2251; 18 U.S.C. § 2252; 18 U.S.C. § 2252A).
- Downloading of software by patrons is prohibited.
- Using the computers for on-going business, for-profit ventures or for personal gain.
- Damaging computers, computer systems, computer furniture or computer networks. Including hacking, transmitting a virus or worm, and denial of service attacks.
- Fraudulent, unlawful or malicious purposes, including but not limited to: spamming; transmission of unlawful material; unauthorized access, disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information; harassment of an individual, business entity or group of individuals.

Violation of Policies

Violation of the Computer Use Policy or Student Acceptable Use Policy, or performance of illegal activities on the computer, may result in suspension or termination of computer privileges. The librarian on duty is responsible for enforcing this policy and may immediately suspend use for one day by any patron violating the policy. The Library Board of Trustees, the Public Library Director or school authorities may suspend use for longer periods of time or permanently. Any patron, who willfully violates this policy with damage to library computers resulting, will be responsible for cost incurred. Illegal activities may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Privacy

The Fairfax Community Library is committed to the privacy of its patrons. Since computers are able to store temporary and permanent data,users should be aware that it is not always possible to maintain privacy on library computers.

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