

Computer and Internet Policy

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N) Internet Policy

The Library endeavors to provide its clientele with the opportunity to use current technology and resources that provide access to information not found within the Library. The Library recognizes the Internet as a valuable information resource. However, inappropriate use of the equipment may result in denial of access in the future.

Our Internet Use policy places the responsibility for information access to the Internet on the patron. We will not be held responsible for the content or the accuracy of information available to patrons. As with other Library materials, restriction of a child's access is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Copying or downloading information from the Internet may be in violation of copyright laws and doing so is done at the discretion of the patron. Fees will be assessed by the library for this service.

The Fort St John Public Library has adopted the [Canadian Library Association's Statement of Intellectual Freedom](#).

Wireless connection will follow rules and guidelines outlined under the Internet Policy.

Fort St John Public Library assumes no responsibility for any direct or indirect damages arising from the use of our wireless connection.

Fort St John Public Library reserves the right to terminate a connection or limit the time allowed without any prior notice. Normally, each patron will be allowed one free hour of Internet use either on an Internet Terminal or wireless connection. Only on special requests will an extension to this time be allowed (ie: workshops, training, reference, government sites, etc)

Computer and Technology Use Policy

1. Computer resources must be used professionally, ethically, and lawfully.
2. The Library has the right to monitor all aspects of its computer system.
3. Hardware or software may not be modified or deleted.
4. Material that is fraudulent, harassing, sexually explicit, profane, obscene, intimidating, defamatory or unlawful may not be sent by email or stored on computers.
5. Materials that contain a virus, worm, Trojan horse or other harmful components may not be spread.
6. Spamming is prohibited.
7. Violations of copyright law regarding the use of software, print or electric information and attributions of authorship are prohibited.

Internet Use Rules and Procedures

The following rules state our acceptable use policies regarding Internet access.

To Log In

Read the rules and procedures.

You must sign in at the front desk.

You must be 16 years of age or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Classrooms or groups must provide at least 24 hours advance notice. The staff reserves the right to restrict groups to one machine.

Due to space limitations, there shall be no more than 2 patrons present at an Internet station at a time.

Access to the Internet will be limited to one hour. Additional time may be provided at the sole discretion of the staff. At no time should this additional time inconvenience previous bookings or waiting patrons and will be within library hours of operation. Appointments will be forfeited if not utilized within ten minutes of the start time. As a courtesy to others, we ask patrons to phone to cancel appointments in advance.

Computer Use

These computers are intended to access the Internet with the software provided. At no time is it appropriate to use your own software. To do so will result in suspension of computer privileges.

The library reserves the right to restrict use of computers for any infringement or violation of library rules.

Downloading and Copying

Infringement of copyright is prohibited. The Fort St John Public Library will not be held responsible for any direct or indirect damages arising from the use of our connection to the Internet.