

Chartiers-Houston Community Library  
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POLICY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Chartiers-Houston Community Library is pleased to offer public access to patrons in good standing. The purpose of offering the access is to expand the information available to users. The library requires users to read and sign the following agreement. Users under 18 must have this agreement read and signed by a parent or legal guardian.

- I. The information available on the Internet is not under the control of the library or any other institution. It contains much useful information, but also material which may be offensive to the user. Not all sources on the Internet contain accurate, current, and complete information. The undersigned understands that the library cannot control and is not responsible for the Internet.
- II. Children below the sixth grade level in school can use the Internet only if accompanied by a parent or guardian who is responsible for the use by that child.
- III. Persons in sixth grade or above, but who are not yet 18, may use the Internet without parent or guardian present, provided that parent or guardian has read and signed this agreement.
- IV. Downloading of material by patrons is not permitted. Disregard of this rule will result in penalties as listed in XII.
- V. Because of user demand, there will be a one-hour time limit. Eligible persons who wish to use the Internet must sign in and out at the desk. They may use the computer on a first come, first served basis. If no one is waiting to use the computer at the end of one hour, the person may continue until someone else wants to do so.
- VI. The patron understands that staff is not able to teach users how to use the computer or the Internet.
- VII. The replacement cost for any equipment or material loss or damage that occurs as the result of carelessness or failure to report malfunctions will be the responsibility of the user. Writing to the hard disk, tampering with or altering the configuration of any equipment is prohibited and will result in suspension of privileges as described in XII.
- VIII. Use of the Internet is free. If material is printed out, there is a per page charge of twenty cents.
- IX. No more than two persons may use the computer at one time. Both must have signed this agreement.
- X. All users of the Internet agree to comply with all Federal and State copyright laws relating to the use of the Internet and the use of computers provided by this library.
- XI. Use of the library's terminals to access material containing or making reference to explicit sexual materials as defined in 18 Pa. C. S. A. §5903 is not permitted for minors or adults. This also applies to personal laptops using our wireless network.
- XII. Violation of any rule will result in the following penalties: one month loss of privileges for the first violation; two months loss of privileges for the second violation; a third abuse of any of the rules will result in permanent revocation of Internet privileges.