

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE POLICY

The Sierra Madre Public Library provides unfiltered public access to the Internet as a means to foster lifelong learning and support the informational, educational, intellectual and recreational needs of the community. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content, currency, or accuracy.

Access to the Library's Internet and computer network is a privilege, not a right. Failure to comply with this Policy and the Library's Rules of Behavior may result in loss of computer and/or Library privileges.

The Library is a public space shared by people of all ages and sensitivities, and privacy cannot be guaranteed. The display of visual materials that are sexually explicit in nature or depict graphic violence is prohibited. Library staff reserves the right to end a computer session when such materials are displayed and enforce the Library's Rules of Behavior.

The Library expressly prohibits the violation of any applicable federal, state or local laws including but not limited to those concerning obscenity, child pornography, sexual exploitation of children, matter harmful to minors, tampering with computer equipment and copyright. Illegal acts will be reported to the Sierra Madre Police Department.

USE OF COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET BY MINORS (persons under 18)

The Library offers Early Literacy computers with no internet access, in addition to unfiltered Internet-accessible computers for minors.

- The parent/guardian of a minor may opt to sign an Internet Restriction form if they do not wish their child to have internet access from a Library computer. Monitoring and restricting Internet use is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Library staff members do not serve *in loco parentis*.
- In accordance with the Child Safety at the Library Policy, the materials, services and equipment in the Children's room are intended for the use of children, their parents, caregivers and chaperones, and others needing children's materials and services for some specific purpose.
 - Patrons not accompanying children ages 0-17 are prohibited from using the computers located in the children's room.
- Minors bringing Internet-accessible personal devices into the Library are assumed to have parental permission to use the Internet on these devices.

WIRELESS ACCESS

The Library offers unsecured wireless Internet access for patrons with personal devices. An access password may be obtained in person from staff at the service desk. Wireless users must adhere to the Internet and Computer Use Policy when accessing the Library's network or while on Library premises.

- Users are responsible for configuring their own devices. Library staff will not provide technical assistance for wireless devices or assist in making changes to network settings, software and/or hardware configuration. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of personal equipment, files and information.