



COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Internet Safety & Public Computer Use Policy

Adopted by the Columbia County Library System Board of Trustees

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I. Purpose

To establish guidelines for safe, equitable, and efficient use of the Columbia County Library System's (CCLS) public internet access computers, maximizing resource availability for all patrons.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all users of CCLS's public access computers and internet services. A printed copy is available upon request.

III. Internet Access: Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability

- **Service Provision:** Internet access is provided free of charge to all patrons on an "as is" and "as available" basis.
- **No Warranties:** CCLS does not guarantee the service will be uninterrupted, error-free, or free of harmful components (e.g., viruses).
- **User Responsibility:** Users are solely responsible for the content of information they disseminate. CCLS does not assure or warrant the security, privacy, or confidentiality of internet communications and associated technology, and strongly advises against transmitting confidential information over this network.
- **Third-Party Content:** CCLS is not responsible for, nor does it guarantee, the accuracy, integrity, or quality of third-party communications or information encountered or exchanged by network users.
- **Acknowledgement of Risk:** By utilizing the internet access service, users acknowledge and agree that CCLS bears no liability for inherent risks associated with internet usage.

IV. Public Computer Use Guidelines and Procedures

- **Session Limits:** Computer sessions are limited to one hour.
- **Extensions:** A time extension of up to one additional hour may be requested, subject to computer availability at the time of the request.
- **Compliance:** All users are required to follow these guidelines, rules, and procedures to ensure fair accessibility for all patrons.

V. Use by Minors (Children)

- **Parental Responsibility:** As with all Library materials, parents or legal guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's internet use. CCLS does not act *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent).

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- **Filtering:** In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), CCLS employs technology protection measures (filters) to block or filter visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

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