JERICHO PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE POLICY

The Jericho Public Library is committed to providing excellence in educational, informational, cultural, and recreational enrichment to all members of the community. In support of this mission and in line with technological advancements the Library provides public access to computers and the Internet.

Eligibility and Identification
Internet/computer access is available to patrons who present:

- A valid Jericho Public Library card;

- A valid library card from another library;

  or

- A driver's license, passport, student ID, or other acceptable identification (physical or digital)

Each user must present their own valid identification.

Use Guidelines
- Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not accepted.

- Use is limited to 30-minute sessions unless no one is waiting.

- Computers are available until 15 minutes before closing.

- Each patron may use only one computer at a time and must be physically present to claim a reserved session.

- Patrons may not lock or leave a public computer unattended for more than 10 minutes. The system may end a session if this occurs.

- Library cardholders from the Jericho School District are given priority use over out-of-district users.

- If a Jericho cardholder requests a computer that is being used by an out-of-district resident, the latter must relinquish it.

Support and Assistance
Library staff will provide basic assistance with getting started but cannot offer extended instruction. Remote computer assistance may be provided upon request and with the patron's consent via on-screen confirmation.

Responsibilities and Restrictions

- Patrons must take proper care of all Library equipment and will be held responsible for any loss or damage due to negligence or abuse.

- Patrons must observe all copyright laws and may not duplicate software or documentation.

- Public computers are not private. Patrons should avoid entering sensitive information unless they accept the risks associated with public access.

- Patrons may use computers for legal activities including browsing, research, streaming, or word processing, provided use is not disruptive to others.

- Headphones must be used when listening to audio.

- No food or drink is permitted in computer areas.

Prohibited Activities

Use of Library computers for the following activities is strictly prohibited:

- Displaying obscene or offensive materials (as defined by New York State Penal Law 245.11)

- Attempting to bypass or breach computer, network, or system security

- Engaging in any illegal activities, including copyright infringement

- Using library computers for commercial purposes

- Engaging in any behavior deemed disruptive or destructive by Library staff

Liability and Disclaimer

The Library provides computers and internet access on an "as-is" basis. It does not guarantee the speed, performance, or availability of services. The Library is not responsible for data loss, equipment failure, or damages resulting from the use of Library computers.

Enforcement and Appeals

The Library reserves the right to:

- Terminate any session at the discretion of staff

- Suspend Internet/computer privileges for policy violations

- Refer violations to law enforcement when applicable

Patrons may appeal suspensions to the Library Director. If unsatisfied, they may further appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Acknowledgment
Use of the Library's computers and internet access implies that users have read, understood, and agreed to comply with all rules and guidelines outlined in this policy.

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