



Buckham Memorial Library

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

It is the policy of Buckham Memorial Library to provide free access to information to users of all ages, while attempting to protect them from unwanted exposure to graphically depicted obscenity and child pornography and to restrict access by minors to materials harmful to minors.

In accordance with CIPA (the Children's Internet Protection Act) all Library terminals are filtered. Users aged 17 or older may request that the filter be disabled for the duration of their session. Request a copy of the "CIPA Questions & Answers" fact sheet for further information. Whether or not filters are enabled, all Internet use is governed by this *Internet Acceptable Use Policy*.

Users wishing to access the Internet at Buckham Memorial Library must agree to comply with the following:

1. Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials, or to access materials that by local community standards would be obscene.
2. Users will obey copyright laws and licensing agreements.
3. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted library or Internet files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software at the library or at another location by using library connections.
4. Users will not disclose, use, or disseminate personal information regarding minors without written authorization of the parent or legal guardian of the minors involved.
5. Users will read and comply with Buckham Memorial Library's posted **Rules for Internet Use**.

Library staff choose sources linked to our home page that follow generally accepted library practices. Beyond this, the library does not accept responsibility for the Internet's content.

Parents and guardians are responsible for providing guidance and monitoring their children's use of all Library resources and facilities, including the Internet. When using library Internet workstations, state and federal law prohibits minors from accessing materials considered to be "harmful to minors". The law also prohibits minors from disclosing, using, or disseminating personal information about themselves without written authorization of their parent or legal guardian.

To preserve their own personal safety, all users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet.

By clicking on the "Accept" button at the beginning of each session, patrons are agreeing to both the terms of this **Policy** and the **Rules for Internet Use**. Library staff are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions (as determined by the Library Director or her designee) to enforce this **Policy**, and/or to prohibit use by patrons who fail to comply with this **Policy** and the **Rules for Internet Use** as stated or implied herein. Generally one warning will be given. If a second infraction occurs, the patron will be banned from using the Library's Internet terminals for up to one year.



BUCKHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY RULES FOR INTERNET USE

1. Internet workstations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons may sign up at an open workstation or at the Internet Signup Kiosk. A valid library card number and PIN are required. If you need assistance with signup, please go to the Information Desk.
2. An individual may use the Internet for up to one hour (60 minutes) per day.
3. Telephone reservations are not accepted.
4. Advance reservations are not accepted at the Internet Signup Kiosk except in the case of a waiting list for the present day. **To claim your reservation, you must monitor the queue on the Kiosk and be present at the beginning of the reserved time period. If you do not claim your reservation within 5 minutes your reservation is cancelled and you must make another one.**
5. If you do not have a library card, staff can use a Guest Card to sign you up for a one-time use. The fee is \$2.00 for up to one hour of Internet use. Guests must pay the \$2.00 fee each time they sign up.
6. Printing is available at a cost of 15 cents per page. The Internet printer is located at the Information Desk. See Information Desk staff if you need assistance printing.
7. In order to protect against computer viruses, neither downloading to nor uploading from disks or any portable storage devices are allowed on Library Internet terminals.
8. Access to the World Wide Web and to Web-based e-mail is available. Access to chat (chat rooms, games involving chat, etc.) is **not** allowed at Buckham Memorial Library.
9. Up to two persons may be at one Internet station as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users. Only the user signed up for the time period may be at the keyboard. You must use your own card when signing up for an Internet terminal; using another patron's card is a violation of these **Rules**.
10. Users violating the **INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY** or any of the **RULES FOR INTERNET USE** will lose Internet privileges at Buckham Memorial Library. Generally one warning will be given. If a second infraction occurs, the patron will be banned from using the Library's Internet terminals for up to one year.

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