Madison County Public Library Internet Use Policy (2023)

Disclaimer

Internet use at the Madison County Public Library is at the customer's discretion. The library expressly disclaims liability for any damages incurred by use of the library's internet services. The library is not responsible for digital content or information accessed by library internet computers or the library's internet connection. Providing access to the internet does not constitute library endorsement of internet content.

Customers and visitors using the library's internet services must abide by the Library Code of Conduct and agree to the Internet Use policy upon login.

Access

Customers and visitors may access the library's internet computers for three hours per day. Customers may request extended time in the absence of a waiting list. Wifi access on personal devices is available during business hours.

Customers using library computers must login using their library card and PIN numbers. Visitors without a library card must obtain a card or request a guest pass.

Parents or guardians of children wishing to use library computers will be responsible for monitoring their child's access to the internet.

Safety

The library utilizes internet filters in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2003. Filtering software prohibits access to sites that contain objectionable material, violate obscenity and pornography laws, or compromise the library's equipment. Filters may be disabled upon request if the requestor is over the age of 18.

Library staff may request that customers cease viewing or listening to sites that threaten the safe and comfortable environment of the library, interfere with the library's ability to operate, or violate the Code of Conduct for Library Use.

All library computer equipment and software must be used as installed. Downloading, installing and/or modifying hardware and software is prohibited. Library computers shall not be used for any illegal or criminal purpose.

Privacy

The library does not retain internet browsing histories, session data, passwords or personal information entered into website forms accessed by library computers.