



Individuals using this computer system are subject to having all of their activities on this system monitored and recorded by system personnel. In the course of monitoring individuals improperly using this system, the activities of other users may also be monitored. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring. If such monitoring reveals possible evidence of criminal activity, system personnel may give such evidence to law enforcement officials.

Library Computer/Internet Use And Internet Safety Policies of the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System

Library Computer/Internet Use

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System is pleased to offer free computer/Internet service to the public as part of an ongoing commitment to provide up-to-date access to information, whether for education, business, or pleasure. However, in order to take advantage of this computer service, our customers must agree to adhere to the following policy:

Responsibilities of public access microcomputer users

- Customers using the Library's Internet connection do so at their own risk. The Library cannot censor access to materials or protect users from materials which some may find offensive. The Library is not capable of monitoring or controlling information accessible from the Internet and does not accept responsibility for its content.
 - As with printed information, not all the information provided by sources on the Internet is accurate, complete, or current. Internet users should evaluate Internet resources just as they do printed information.
1. You may not use the computers if you have overdue materials or fines.
 2. You must have proper identification – a library card, current driver's license, or ID card. A guest's identification card will be left at the desk when you check in and returned when your computer session has ended and all materials returned.
 3. You must use the computer in accordance with ethical standards of the Library. Examples of unacceptable use (some of which may also have legal consequences) include, but are not limited to the following:
 - No one is allowed to view pornographic sites. The library staff members have the right to end any user's Internet session if the user is accessing information or images which in the judgment of the Library Staff member is offensive to other library customers or the library staff.
 - Violation of the computer security system and guidelines set up for computer use;
 - Use of the computer in a way that would unnecessarily impede the computing activity and/or privacy of others;
 - Violation of software licensing agreement or copyright restrictions.
 4. You should be aware of computer viruses and other destructive computer programs, and take steps to avoid being a victim or unwitting distributor of these processes. You are responsible for following library procedures for using and saving personal data to insure the protection of our computers from viruses.
 - No files are to be saved to the C: drive (the hard drive of the computer). Any files saved on the hard drive of the computer, instead of to a floppy disk in Drive A: or CDR in Drive E:, will be deleted.

5. **Computer Disks: No personal disk may be brought into the library to be used on the computer.**
 - Any patron wanting to download files/software from the Internet must purchase a computer disk (3.5-inch or CD) from the Library. These disks will be available at the Library at a cost of \$ 1.00 per disk. These disks must be left at the desk if you would like to use them again. If the disk is taken out of the library, you will not be able to use it again in the computer.
 - Any patron loading a non-Library purchased diskette into any of the Library's computers may be subject to penalties. (for a list of penalties see #14)
6. **Internet Functions Not Supported:** News groups are not available on our computers. We do not encourage using 'Chat Rooms' on our public access computers. Regarding e-mail, only Internet e-mail services such as HotMail.com, WebMail.com, Yahoo.com etc. are allowed.
7. Make an appointment (in one-hour increments) in person at the circulation desk or by phone to use the computer. A user may use the computer for more than an hour if there is no one else waiting to use the computer. If the user does not arrive at his appointment on time, we will reserve the computer for a maximum of 15 minutes, then cancel and the time given to someone else.
8. Only two people may be at the computer at a time with both held responsible for any damages or rule infractions.
9. If a child causes problems for other customers (such as: crying, or loud behavior) or causes damage, the parent(s) or guardian will be asked to take the child out of the library.
10. The user is encouraged to save his work to a floppy disk as often as possible. The Library assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the user's data either due to computer glitches or other problems. Ultimate responsibility for problems relating to the user's loss of data rests with the user. You must use headphones if the site you visit has sound. You may bring your own or you may purchase ear-buds at the desk for \$1.00.
11. Web browsers keep a record of which sites a person views. The library will not be held responsible for inadvertent disclosure of a patron's viewing history. Due to the open location of the computer monitor display, the information that is being viewed by the user will be visible to other customers.
12. **STAFF ASSISTANCE:** We will be glad to assist you, as we are able. But, library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet or personal computer use due to size of staff and the time we have available.
13. **PENALTIES:**
 - Anyone who fails to follow the policies listed below may be subject to forfeiture of computer privileges for a period of 3 months. A second offense may result in permanent service loss to the user. Inappropriate computer use could be subject to legal consequences.
 - If a person(s) causes damage to part of the hardware or software resulting in the need for repair or replacement, that person(s) may be liable for financial restitution.
 - Any patron who should lose Internet privileges will have to formally request reinstatement of those privileges after the three (3) month suspension is over. The decision to reinstate any individual's Internet privileges after a suspension period will be at the total discretion of the Library.

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\$ 1.00*	per page	Color ink	8 ½" x 11" page

*The price is the same if you may bring your own paper. User will pay for all pages they print out unless equipment problem.

Internet Safety Policy (adopted May 2002)

This policy was reviewed, adopted and made a part of the MMRLS Library Computer/Internet Use Policy by The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System Board of Trustees on May 22, 2002.

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System Board of Trustees, which serves as the Administrative Board of the library system, supports the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA: PL106-554).

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System believes that Internet and computer usage in public libraries is an important part of library service. This and other policies pertaining to the Internet are designed for your safety and enjoyment within a public library setting.

The MMRLS Internet Safety Policy serves in connection with these MMRLS policies and Mississippi law:

1. Became a part of the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System's Computer/Internet Use Policy.
2. Mississippi Intercommunications/Internet Policy (February 19, 1997);
3. Mississippi law 97-5-29, Public display of sexually oriented materials.

All computers in the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System will be equipped with some form of Internet filtering software on or before July 1, 2002.

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System does not condone, nor will it tolerate, the unauthorized access by minors or adults to inappropriate matter on the Internet or Web in any system library computer.

In order to insure the safety and security of minors and adults when using electronic mail, and other direct forms of electronic communications, the system reserves the right to monitor all of these activities. Chat rooms usage is not encouraged.

Unauthorized access, also known as "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors or adults is forbidden.

Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors and adults are forbidden.

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System has taken measures through the filtering offered by the Mississippi Library Commission or other sources designed to restrict minor's access to materials harmful to minors. These rules also hold true to adult usage of the Internet on any library system computers.

The following non-inclusive list shows areas approved to be filtered by the System Trustees of the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System (January 21, 2010):

1.	Adult/Sexually Explicit	MMRLS will unblock the filter for adults 17 and older for 10 minute intervals. Due to lack of staff and time, we will only be able to unblock the filter 3 times per customer's computer usage. We will not unblock the filter for porn, mp3 downloads, streaming media, or Bing due to legal restraints and/or band-width limitations. Thank you for your understanding.
2.	Criminal Skills	
3.	Gambling	
4.	Hacking	
5.	Hate Speech	
6.	Remote Proxies	
7.	Streaming Media	
8.	Violence	
9.	Weapons	
10.	Personals & Dating	