

Toulon Public Library District Computer/Internet Use Policy

The Toulon Public Library District is committed to its role in serving the information and lifelong learning needs of all of its residents. Providing access to the Internet enables the library to greatly expand its information services. In addition, the library provides its catalog of materials, access to e-books, and informational links via the library's webpage and the Internet. However, not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal or acceptable to all people.

The Library is required by the Children's Internet Protection Act to protect children age 16 and younger from obscenity, child pornography and material that is harmful to minors. In following the law, the Library uses a filtering service on all public access computers.

This filtering service blocks access to certain websites. Upon request by a library customer age 17 and older, library staff may unblock a site. Library staff may request proof of age with a photo ID such as a driver's license. Filtering measures are not 100% accurate and may allow access to inappropriate sites.

A synopsis of the library internet policy is posted at each computer station.

Toulon Public Library District prohibits the following:

- * Sending, receiving or displaying obscene text or graphics inappropriate for a public environment;
- * Engaging in any activity that facilitates sending, receiving or displaying inappropriate materials;
- * Activities that disrupt the library or its network;
- * Loading or downloading software from the Internet including Instant Messaging Programs or using personal software programs unless given consent by library staff.
- * Making any attempt to modify or damage the library's computers in any way;
- * Making any attempt to gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others;
- * Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials

Public computers are not secure and should not be used to transfer financial and other personal data. The library is not responsible for the misuse of personal information entered on websites.

The Toulon Public Library District allows the use of USB storage devices to save or retrieve information. Connecting other types of devices to the computers is not recommended. The Library is not responsible for any technical support required for the use of devices, or any damage, loss or destruction of personal devices or data.

The Library's computers may be subject to a time limited session. Additional time may be allowed when no one else is waiting. If people are waiting, there will be 30 minute timer set.

The Library staff will provide users with basic guidance as to the use of computer equipment and the Internet. Additional assistance may be given as time allows.

Our computers are open access for anyone provided they do not have fines or lost materials. There is a small fee for printing which is 20 cents/page for black & white, and 50 cents/page for color.

Appropriate computer/Internet behavior is determined by the library staff.

Violation of Policy

Violation of this Internet Policy could result in suspension of computer/Internet use for a period of 24 hours to 1 year depending on the violation or violations. Customers using the library's computers and Internet for illegal purposes may also be subject to prosecution.

Privacy Statement:

The Toulon Public Library will make every effort to allow library patrons to privately use the Internet in the library. However, the library reserves the right to supervise patrons' use of the Internet to reasonably ensure compliance with Library Internet policies by all patrons. The library reserves the right to request an explanation or otherwise inquire as to when a patron is found to be accessing material a library staff member reasonably believes to be beyond compliance with Library Internet Policy.

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Toulon Public Library District Wireless Internet Use Policy

No fee is assessed for use of the Wireless Network.

USER ELIGIBILITY:

The Wireless Network is available to all patrons and guests.

LIABILITY:

The library is NOT responsible for damage done, including infection by virus to laptops or other wireless devices while using the Toulon Public Library's Wireless Network.

The Toulon Public Library's Wireless Network is not secure. Information sent from or to a laptop can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software.

LIBRARY STAFF ASSISTANCE:

The library staff is not always able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be provided that you will be able to make a wireless connection. Other more general assistance, such as finding information on the Internet will be provided as time allows.

PRINTING:

Black and white printing only is available from Wireless Network for 20 cents per page.

Prohibitions:

- *Violating any of the Library's usage policy and regulations
- *Using the Library's Wireless Network access to "crack" any computer system
- *Interfering with the work of others or causing congestion on the Internet
- *Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials
- *Intentionally sending, receiving or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene, pornographic, harmful or disruptive
- *Violators of these regulations may lose Internet and/or library privileges.
- *ILLEGAL acts involving Library's Wireless Network may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. The Library has a registered Domain Name. Use of our Network can be traced.

Internet Filtration and the Wireless Network

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