

# **Sampson-Clinton Public Library Computer / Internet Access Policy**

## **Statement of Purpose**

It is the mission of Sampson-Clinton Public Library system (SCPL) to make available Internet access for the local demand. Our facilities provide FREE Wi-Fi access for residents with personal computers and other compatible electronic devices. We have public computers available for access by patrons with current SCPL cards in good standing. Patrons not eligible for an SCPL card may obtain a visitor's pass (see Fee Schedule). Users are responsible for critically evaluating the information found on the Internet.

## **Access Policy**

As with other library materials, Library staff does not monitor what any user views or reads on the Internet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to guide his or her own child's use of the Internet. Parents are encouraged to learn how to access the Internet along with their children, so that they may help guide the child toward appropriate and useful information.

## **Filtering Policy**

In an attempt to block access to Internet sites which display obscene material, the Sampson Clinton Public Library system does filter all search requests. In most cases, this can be overridden by staff for adult users (18 years or above) using the computer for research. Proof of age will be required.

## **Internet Use Rules and Procedures**

*By logging in to SCPL computers or networks, all patrons are agreeing to abide by the following:*

- Those eligible for a SCPL card will use their own library card to access the computers. Users may login as many times as they will each day. Library staff are able to extend time for persons if there is a special task that requires extended time provided no one is waiting.
- As all workstations are in view of other patrons and staff, users are not permitted to access pornographic or obscene sites. Library staff will interrupt or terminate a patron's computer session if material displayed on the screen is not appropriate in a public environment. Willfully breaking this rule will result in the loss of computer access for a minimum of one month upon the first infraction and the permanent termination of computer access upon the second infraction.
- Access to on-line games and other programs that utilize excessive bandwidth may be terminated if these programs interfere with overall network performance.
- SCPL is not responsible for damage to patron's property or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from use of or from the inability to use or access the Library's computers / Internet connection / wireless network.
- Patrons will not use library computers or networks to violate the law.

- Patrons will be considerate of others. Talking, humming, having children who are crying or being disruptive, etc... interferes with others who are trying to use the workstations. Patrons will be warned once, and then they may be asked to log off in consideration of the other patrons.

### **Violations of this Policy**

SCPL is providing this service free of charge. Please be considerate of the equipment and other users. Users who do not follow these rules and procedures will lose Internet access privileges at the library. SCPL staff reserves the right to terminate any Internet session at any time.

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