Use of Computers and Technology Policy

The South River Public Library provides public computer use to help fulfil the Library's mission of providing access to resources and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational and educational needs of South River's library user community and of supporting the individual's right to know by providing free access to information. All Library computers must be used in accordance with this policy and the South River Public Library Code of Conduct

Responsibility for Content

The South River Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information available on the internet and cannot be held responsible for the content, accuracy or quality of the information retrieved. Not all information available on the internet is accurate, complete, up to day, lawful of philosophically acceptable to all individuals. The Library does not limit access to sites on the internet or censor information that some may find offensive. The user is ultimately responsible for selecting which sites to visit but should be aware that the library computers are in a public area and that others may be involuntarily exposed to what is displayed. The Library reserves the right to terminate any session for disruptive or inappropriate behavior or non-compliance with the Library's rules of use.

Use of Library Equipment

Illegal activities or activities that interfere with or disrupt the network, users, services or equipment are prohibited. In the case of a user's accessing a site that has associated sound files, s/he must use earphones or ear-buds so as not to disturb those nearby.

Use of the Library's computers for the viewing, transmission, dissemination and/or duplication of information is regulated under various state and federal laws. The Library expects all users to comply with such laws. This expectation includes, but is not limited to, licensing agreements, copyright, obscenity and child pornography laws.

In order to log on to a computer, a user must be in good standing with regard to his/her library record in any STELLA library, Residents of STELLA communities can use their library card to login; visitors who do not have and are not eligible for a STELLA library card are entitled to a Guest pass. Guest passes are issued at the discretion of the Service Desk staff. Guest Passes are limited to 1 per day. Violation of these rules or limits in any way including representing oneself as another person by access codes or library card number may result in loss of Library privileges

There are time limits on Library computer use per day; the limit may vary according to user type. Workstations will be available from the Library's opening hour to one-half hour before closing. All printing or downloading must be completed within the user's allotted time period.

A maximum of two persons may sit/work together at any one computer, excepting when a parent/ guardian is with his/her children.

Internet users may NOT download any files for software to the computer's hard drive. They may download files to any supportable device,

The Library makes available printing at a nominal charge from the public access computers.

Liability

The Library assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data, the user's portable storage device/ media, or from malware that may infect the user's storage device/media or files. The Library assumes no liability for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy.

Any fees incurred by the patron are the sole responsibility of the patron.

Enforcement and consequences of violation of this policy:

The library electronically monitors all of its computers for violations of this policy.

Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of users, computers and the network or to enforce any part of this policy. This enforcement includes removal of portable storage devices or media, requiring a user to leave the computer or the Library or contacting law enforcement authorities.

Free, unsecured Wi-Fi is available in the library. The library is not responsible for any illegal activity resulting from using this service.

Use of the Library's computers constitutes agreement with this policy

This policy is subject to revision to meet the needs of the Internet environment.

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