



PUBLIC USE OF COMPUTERS AND INTERNET

The Hampshire County Public Library provides a variety of computers for public use.

- Online library catalog computers access the library's holdings and do not provide access to other resources, including the Internet.
- Stand-alone computers that offer access to the Internet, basic data processing programs, and library specific online databases. The library does not attempt to have the latest version of any particular software program.
- Laptops with Wi-Fi that offer access to the Internet, basic data processing programs, and library specific online databases. The library does not attempt to have the latest version of any particular software program.

Public computers are available in two areas of the library:

1. The general area
 - a. These computer(s) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for one hour per user, per day. Users who need the computers for testing, schoolwork, job applications, or work related projects may request a longer time or a laptop.
 - b. If all computers are in use, ask a staff member to be added to the waiting list.
2. The children's area
 - a. These computer(s) are available solely for young adults and parents with small children.

Laptops may be used anywhere inside the library building. They are not to be taken out on the premises. Laptop tables are placed around the balcony, and outlets for charging are available in several locations upstairs and downstairs. Ask a staff member about plugging into an outlet to ensure that cords are not placed in the egress of other patrons.

As part of the library's mission of providing access to information of all types in a wide range of formats, the library provides access to the Internet for staff and patrons. Patrons may also access the Internet via personal laptops or Wi-Fi able devices using the library's wireless connection.

Information exchanged electronically should not be considered secure, and third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. The Hampshire County Public Library computers cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purposes, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, West Virginia, or local laws.

Users agree to observe all copyright and licensing laws and will not duplicate any computer programs or documentation unless expressly labeled as being "in the public domain" or "shareware." No personal software may be loaded on library computer hard drives without written permission from the library director. No private files may be stored on the library computer(s), and any files left on the computers will be deleted. Users will supply their own recording media (diskettes or portable storage devices) when needed, but must check to ensure that the computer being used can support the desired storage media. The library is not responsible for damage to disks or any loss of data that may occur from the use of the library's computers.



Items to note about using the computer and printing services:

- The computers close 15 minutes prior to the doors closing.
- All print jobs must be completed, paid for, and picked up before the library closes.
- Patrons using laptops or mobile devices must have their devices stowed and ready to go by 5 minutes before doors closing.
- Patrons who wish to hear audio content must use headphones.
- Library staff cannot fill out online forms for patrons.

Any patron who violates any part of this usage policy may be banned from computer access.

CIPA Compliance

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is the federal law that requires all computers in a public library to be filtered if that library accepts any federal funds for Internet access or computers used for Internet access. [Supreme Court decision: *United States v. American Library Ass'n, Inc.* No. 02-361 (June 23, 2003)]. The Hampshire County Public Library complies with the requirements of CIPA.

All computers in the Hampshire County Public Library are filtered. Please be aware that filters are unreliable, at times blocking sites of legitimate information or educational value, or allowing access to sites that are illegal, obscene, or sexually explicit within the meaning of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec. 5903.

The Hampshire County Public Library uses filtering software that blocks or filters Internet access to some Internet sites that may not be consistent with the policy of the Hampshire County Public Library.

Parents or legal guardians, and not the library or its staff, remain responsible for monitoring their children's use of the Internet and for the information selected and/or accessed by their children.

Any adult (17 years of age or older, as defined by CIPA) may request that the filter or technology protection measure be disabled without significant delay by a staff member authorized by the library director, consistent with the privacy policy of the Hampshire County Public Library.