



Silvis Public Library

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Internet Use Policy

Role of the Internet

The Silvis Public Library offers access to the Internet in order to expand the Library's collection of informational, educational and recreational materials and to provide its users with an opportunity to explore the rapidly developing universe of online electronic resources.

Accuracy of Information

Users of the Internet at the Silvis Public Library should be aware that most resources available via the Internet and other electronic information networks are "global" resources rather than "local" resources. Silvis Public Library does not and cannot control the information content obtained from outside sources via the Internet. Library users must keep the following points in mind when evaluating information obtained via the Internet:

- Information obtained via the Internet may not be accurate and may not be obtained from a reliable source.
- Information obtained via the Internet may not be current.
- Links to information on the Internet may not always be valid, and particular information sites on the Internet may sometimes be unavailable. This unavailability often occurs unpredictably, and the Library has no control over it.
- Certain information obtained via the Internet may be considered controversial by some library patrons.

Silvis Public Library urges library patrons to be informed consumers and carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet. Library staff may be able to assist patrons in making judgments about the reliability or currency of certain type of Internet information sources, but are unable to provide definitive analysis of particular sources due to the extremely large variety and volume of information available via the Internet.

Silvis Public Library is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from the patron's use of Internet information resources.

Patron Assistance and Instruction

Staff working the circulation desk cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet use but may be able to offer searching suggestions or refer you to a printed resource or guide. General questions are always welcome and if the staff cannot answer a more specific search question they may be able to refer you to another source.

Silvis Public Library Internet Policy (May change without notice)

Library use of the computer takes precedence over patron use.

Patrons may sign up to use the Internet computers by phone or in person. Reservations may be made the day they want to use the library public access computers. Reserved time slots will be held for five minutes past the reserved starting time. After that, Internet time will be forfeited if another patron is waiting.

Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the information accessed by children. Parents are required to sign a permission waiver for children under eighteen to use the Internet. Children twelve and younger may not use the Internet without the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.

Users are required to register at the circulation desk each time they use the Internet. The workstations are limited to one user at a time except in the case of parents or guardians supervising the use of children.

Patrons will be allowed to register for additional one hour sessions if no one is waiting. Any additional sessions may be stopped at any time if a new user wants to use the computer. A person getting on the computer for the second time in a day will be the first off if a new patron needs a computer.

Users may not load their own software programs or diskettes on the Internet access computers or download files to the hard drive of the computer. This is to minimize the potential for the introduction of a computer virus into the Internet access computer.

The Library charges for printouts is posted.

Patrons cannot access nudity (male or female) on the library computers.

Patrons viewing nudity or other inappropriate behavior will be banned from the computers for up to seven days. A second offense can result in being permanently banned from the computers. Patrons are not to leave access to any windows open at the bottom of the monitor. (Children may be using the computer next)

Patrons are not to change any settings or log off the computers.

Users must allow sufficient time to complete their printing during their reserved session so as not to infringe on the time of the next user.

The library's Internet connection may be used only for lawful purposes. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but not limited to, copyrighted material and threatening or obscene material. Internet users agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Silvis Public Library from any claims resulting from their use of the service which damaged the user or another party.

Users will be held financially responsible for any damage or alteration to equipment or software. Misuse of any equipment, or failure to follow any of these guidelines, including failure to abide by the time limits, will result in loss of Internet privileges.

Patrons should be aware that the policy may be amended at any time.

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