

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

Scott County Library provides free computer and Internet access to the public at all locations. Each library also offers wireless Internet access.

Customer Guidelines

- Customers may use the Internet stations and wireless network for legal purposes only and they may not be used to:
 - Violate federal, state, or local laws, including but not limited to Minn. Stat. 617.293;
 - View, display, print, distribute, send, or receive content that is obscene or child pornography;
 - Knowingly exhibit or display material which is obscene or harmful to minors in any place of public accommodation where minors are or may be present;
 - Engage in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating, disruptive, or hostile environment for customers and staff.
- Customers may not deliberately alter files or modify configurations of any library computer.

Violations of the above will result in immediate termination of the user's session and may result in removal from the library.

Unlawful activities may result in prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

Customer Privacy and Security

- Customers can increase the privacy and security of their personal information, such as credit card and Social Security numbers, by using websites that encrypt data with Secure Socket Layering (appearing with an https URL).
- Scott County Library assumes no responsibility for the safety and security of a customer's equipment or data.

Internet Stations

- Customers receive an initial 60-minute session. After that, time may be extended depending on availability.
- When all computers are in use, a customer may make a reservation for the next available computer.
- While Scott County Library has processes in place to erase customer data after each session, the library assumes no responsibility for the safety and security of customer data.

Printing

- The print charge is \$.10 per page for black/white and \$.50 per page for color copies.

The Internet contains a wide variety of content, some of which may be considered offensive, controversial, or inappropriate. While the Internet stations and wireless network are equipped with filtering software, the Library does not control or assume responsibility for the quality, accuracy, or appropriateness of any information found on the Internet. Internet filters are not perfect: illegal or obscene content may still be accessible, and legitimate content may be blocked.

Each individual customer is responsible for his or her own use of the Internet, and Internet use by a child is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.