Computer/Internet Use Policy

The Blakesburg Public Library provides public access to the computers and internet via a Wi-Fi connection to fulfill its mission of providing full and equal access to all types of information and to promote the love of reading and the joy of learning to all members of the community. The library supports the right to privacy and confidentiality of its patrons and maintains no records of what the patron views. The content of the internet is not filtered; therefore, patrons may encounter materials they consider offensive. The Blakesburg Public Library's Board of Trustees and employees assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from the use of the computer workstations.

Internet Access

1. All patrons have equal access to computers, wi-fi and internet access at the library. Specific computers are designated for use by adults or youth.
2. Illegal use of the internet is prohibited. It is illegal to use the library's computers to access, view, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, videos, or textual material that violates laws.
3. Misuse of the computers will result in a loss of privileges. Viewing material that is materially offensive to those that can view the computer screen will also result in a loss of privileges.
4. All patrons accessing internet content or services share a Wi-Fi internet connection through the library. Therefore, excessive, or inappropriate use of that connection is prohibited and grounds for suspension of internet privileges. Excessive use includes but is not limited to, excessive email generation (spam), illegal peer-to-peer networking downloads, and media or software piracy.
5. All patrons using the computers provided by the library are using a communal resource that must be maintained for the entire community. Therefore, altering a computer in any way including but not limited to installation/removal of software, installation/removal of programs, and/or installation/removal of devices must be cleared by the library director before any changes may be made. Failure to do so is grounds for suspension of library computer privileges.
6. Patrons are discouraged from saving documents to library computers. If patrons choose to save documents to library computer, they should delete the documents containing personal information before logging off the computer.
7. Patrons should log out of all personal email or other accounts before logging off a public access computer.