

Computer & Internet Policy

General Computer Use Policy

1. There are seven IBM PCs available for public use during the hours the library is open.
2. You must have a current, valid library card with you to use the equipment.
3. Requests for use may be made at the circulation desk by signing the log. Patrons are encouraged to call 526-5012 in advance to reserve a convenient time.
4. Persons with overdue materials or outstanding fines will be denied use until their card is clear.
5. Computer sessions are for 1 hour. Patrons must respect times reserved in advance.
6. Computers operating systems are Microsoft NT, 98, 2000 and XP.
7. The cost per page for printing is \$.15. The cost is the same if you supply your own paper.
8. To protect the library equipment, no games or other software can be downloaded or brought for use on the library computers.

Internet and Computer Policies for Use

1. The library does not provide the following services, which are of a personal nature and appropriate on private service: email accounts, list & news services.
2. Internet sites of a sexually explicit or violently visual nature are not permitted.
3. The library reserves the right to restrict or deny the use of this service if the policy is violated.

Internet Policy Statement

The mission of the Blue Earth Community Library is to provide materials and services that extend and promote education, provide educational opportunity, intellectual stimulation, give information and pleasure to the citizens of the community.

The Internet is one advance in technology that can provide information and resources beyond the collections available in our region. It offers a variety of information that is constantly changing.

All Internet resources accessible through the library are provided equally to all users. The Internet may contain materials of a controversial nature. The Blue Earth Community Library uses Internet filtering technology on all computers as mandated by the Children's Internet Protection Act. Parents of minor children must assume their responsibility and provide guidance for their children while using this resource.

Library staff cannot control the availability of information links, which change rapidly and unpredictably. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of the information.

The Internet is a global connection of interlocking computer networks. The Blue Earth Community Library offers seven public access stations.

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Wireless Internet Access Policy

When you use the Library's Internet service you are accepting the Library's Internet Use Policy. The Blue Earth Community Library offers wireless Internet access. You can connect your personal laptop or other wireless device to the World Wide Web. Please be aware that this is not a secure network. It may be possible for personal data to be lost, damaged or stolen while connected to the wireless network. All persons accessing the Internet via the library must comply with the Internet Policy. Users should not violate federal, Minnesota or local laws including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud or downloading copyright material.

Access points to the Internet are provided free of charge to patrons with appropriate computers receiving the signal provided. Printers are not available via this wireless connection. Library staff members are not responsible to assist patrons in configuring equipment or troubleshooting problems. They will, however, verify that the router is connected and in service. For your own personal protection, please do not leave equipment unattended within the library. The use of personal equipment is the sole responsibility of the individual and the library maintains no liability for damages.

