

FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

PURPOSE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Flathead County Library provides technology resources to encourage exploration, connection, and collaboration.

These resources include:

1. Wi-Fi
2. Computers and Internet Access
3. Printing and Scanning Services

All users are expected to adhere to Flathead County Library's **Patron Conduct Policy**.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS

1. General Responsibility: It is each user's duty to respect library policies and maintain a respectful environment.
2. For Minors:
 - o Flathead County Library does not act *In Loco Parentis* (in place of parents).
 - o Parents or guardians are responsible for overseeing online content accessed by minors.
 - o Computers in the children and teen areas are filtered and point to age-appropriate websites in compliance with federal law.
 - o Parents or guardians who feel their children need more guidance should directly supervise their children's computer use.

PROHIBITED USE

1. Illegal Activity: Library computers and devices connected to Flathead County Library Wi-Fi may not be used for illegal activities.
2. Access to Prohibited Content: Users must not access:
 - o Illegal materials
 - o Materials defined as obscene by the [Montana Code Annotated, 45-8-201](#).
3. Public Conduct:
 - o While Flathead County Library supports free access to information, deliberate display of certain materials in public could be considered sexual harassment or may violate the **Patron Conduct Policy**.
 - o Actions that create a disturbance or constitute harassment may result in restricted library privileges.

LIBRARY STAFF SUPPORT

1. Library staff is available to provide basic technology assistance.
2. Limitations of Support:
 - o Staff cannot provide comprehensive tech support for personal devices.
 - o Personal computers or devices cannot be connected directly to the library's internal networks or staff computers.

TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT

By clicking "Accept," you agree to:

1. Adhere to time limits established by Flathead County Library.
2. Promptly pay any printing fees.
3. End your session and leave the workstation if asked to do so by a Flathead County Library staff member, even if you have not completed your session. (Library staff reserves the right to interrupt sessions to perform necessary maintenance.)
4. Use technology only for legal activity, including adherence to copyright or other rights of third parties, and in a manner consistent with FCL's Technology Use and Patron Conduct Policy.

5. Not interfere, reconfigure or disrupt library technology hardware, software, networks, or services.

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