

TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

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

- Wi-Fi
- Computers and Internet Access
- Printing and Scanning Services

All users are expected to adhere to Flathead County Library's [Patron Conduct Policy](#).

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS

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

3. PROHIBITED USE

- **Illegal Activity:** Library computers and devices connected to Flathead County Library Wi-Fi may not be used for illegal activities.
- **Access to Prohibited Content:** Users must not access:
 - Illegal materials
 - Materials defined as obscene by the [Montana Code Annotated, 45-8-201](#).
- **Public Conduct:**
 - 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](#).
 - Actions that create a disturbance or constitute harassment may result in restricted library privileges.

4. LIBRARY STAFF SUPPORT

- Library staff is available to provide basic technology assistance.
- **Limitations of Support:**
 - Staff cannot provide comprehensive tech support for personal devices.
 - 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:

- Adhere to time limits established by Flathead County Library.
- Promptly pay any printing fees.
- 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.)

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

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