

Bernardsville Public Library

Computer Use and Internet Access Policy

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The Bernardsville Public Library's primary mission is to provide access to information in print and non-print formats to the community that it serves. The Library seeks to provide all library users with the best and most current information resources available. This goal is accomplished, in part, by offering children and adults free access to the Internet as well as other educational electronic resources. Bernardsville Public Library supports and endorses the New Jersey Library Association's Internet Access Policy.

Library patrons access and use the Internet and World Wide Web on their own devices and on Library devices at their own risk. The Internet terminals in the Children's Area are filtered. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information found through the Internet and is not responsible for its content, timeliness, or accuracy.

Use of the Internet workstations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Users are expected to limit themselves to one (1) hour sessions if others are waiting.

Normally, the Library staff will not monitor or supervise Internet access, other than for length of use. However, if Internet searching results in disruption of library services, or if patron behavior when using the Internet resources becomes inappropriate for a library setting, the Library reserves the right to end the session. The Library reserves the right to monitor and adjust patrons' access to Library Wi-Fi and Internet resources.

The Library staff will assist patrons in connecting to the Internet and provide a brief explanation of how to search the Web, but cannot provide individual training concerning the Internet. It is expected that Internet users will abide by all copyright laws when downloading, disseminating and printing copyrighted material.

The Library has installed virus-checking software on its Internet workstations. However, this cannot completely protect users from the computer viruses in the information they may download. The Library is not responsible for any loss, damage, or liability that may occur from use of the Library's computers.

Printing is permitted at costs established by the Library, with the following restrictions:

1. Printer troubleshooting is the responsibility of Library staff. Patrons may not adjust printer settings or open printer covers and paper drawers.
2. The use of card stock is not permitted.

Library privileges may be suspended for violation of any of the above.

Thank you for your cooperation.