

Oscar Grady Public Library

Internet and Acceptable Use Policy

The Oscar Grady Public Library offers public access to the Internet, information databases and programs by maintaining computer workstations and hosting wireless service. The Oscar Grady Public Library Board has adopted the Internet and Acceptable Use Policy which is subject to change without prior notice to the public. This policy is maintained by the Library Director who assures that it is available to the public in print format and on the Library's website.

I. Access

Patrons must have an Eastern Shores Library System library card to sign in to the public access computers. Accessing the Internet by signing in to use the computer or accessing the wireless service acknowledges that the patron has read and agrees to the provisions set forth in this policy.

Patrons accessing the Internet must use their own library card. A patron using another person's library card to falsely gain access may result in the restriction of that patron's use of the Library and/or in revocation of the patron's access to the Internet.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Children between the ages of 12 and 17 must have parental permission to use the Internet by indicating approval through a signature on the child's library card registration form.

No more than two persons shall be allowed at a computer workstation at any one time.

To ensure access for all patrons, the library may limit the time allowed per user to one hour each day if patrons are waiting. Daily time limits are per individual user, not per library card.

II. Acceptable Use

The Library does not monitor, and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its contents or use. Patrons should be aware that information accessed via the Internet may be controversial, graphic, inaccurate or dated.

The Internet shall be used for educational, informational and recreational purposes only. Patrons may not use resources for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes. The viewing or use of text or graphics which may be reasonably construed by the library staff as offensive to the public is prohibited.

Patrons must respect the privacy of others and must not misrepresent themselves as another user nor attempt to modify or gain access to the desktop, files, passwords, data or private information belonging to others or the Library. Seeking unauthorized access to the wireless service, the computer system or damaging or altering software components of any network or database is strictly prohibited.

The library staff may periodically monitor the use of wireless access to the Internet without notice and has the right to cancel or interrupt use at any time.

Violations and inappropriate use of the computer workstations or the wireless service may result in loss of a patron's access and/or removal from the Library. Illegal use of the workstations or wireless service may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

III. Assistance

Because of the many different Internet applications available, library staff assistance may be limited to helping with basic use and printing and may not be able to provide Internet support. Library staff shall not be available to configure personal computer equipment or provide any type of technical assistance to laptops, notebooks or any other handheld or personal devices.

IV. Fees

Patrons are responsible for payment of any fees related to their internet use at the Library, including but not limited to the cost of printing at the current price-per-page of 25 cents for black and white and 75 cents for color copies. This price is subject to change without notice.

V. Extended Time

Computer time may be extended for the purpose of online applications and test taking. If you require an extension of the one-hour time limit, please make arrangements with staff prior to your start time.

The Oscar Grady Public Library does not proctor online exams or validate patrons' presence or attendance at the library or events through sign-in sheets, validation notes, or any other means.