

Sanibel Public Library District

Internet Access and Use Policy

Purpose

The Sanibel Public Library District (the "library") provides access to computers, the Internet, and wireless connectivity in support of its mission to offer free and open access to information, technology, and resources for the community. These services are intended for educational, informational, and recreational use.

For guidelines on usage of library computers, please see the [Computer Use and Guidelines for Public Internet Access](#).

Access

Public computers with Internet access are available in the Technology Lab and other designated areas. Wi-Fi is available throughout the building via an open, unsecured network. Patrons are responsible for protecting their own devices and personal information. The library does not guarantee the confidentiality or security of Internet use. In offering Internet access, the library does not monitor or have control over information that can be accessed over the Internet.

User Responsibility

Internet users are expected to respect the rights of others, library property, and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Sanibel Public Library's Patron [Code of Conduct](#) applies to the use of library computers and the Internet. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the loss of Library privileges and/or subject the user to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Computer Use

A valid Sanibel Public Library card is the preferred method for accessing computers.

Visitors without a library card may request a guest pass at the Tech Help Desk. Each user is limited to one active computer session at a time. Computer sessions may be limited based on demand and availability. All public computer users must accept the [Computer Use and Guidelines for Public Internet Access User Agreement](#) when using the public computer lab.

Children & Teen Use

The TeenSpace Computer Lab is reserved for users ages 12–17. Parents and guardians are solely responsible for supervising their children's use of library computers, Wi-Fi, and Internet resources. The library cannot act in place of parents or guardians ("in loco parentis"), in monitoring their children's access and use of the Internet and other Library resources. The responsibility of what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians. The library uses filtering methods on all Internet connections. The library selects filtering software that complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) guidelines, while also providing the broadest possible access. Parents/guardians remain responsible for their child's Internet use.

Appropriate Use

Internet access may not be used for unlawful purposes, including displaying or transmitting materials that are obscene as defined by Florida Statutes §847.011. Information obtained online should be considered protected by copyright.

Users may not attempt in any way to alter, damage, or sabotage computer hardware or software (practices known as hacking) and will be financially responsible for any malicious damage to hardware or

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software. Peer-to-peer file sharing, unauthorized software installation, and malicious activity are prohibited.

The library is not liable for any damage to a user's electronic device that may occur from use of the Internet at the library; nor is the library responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information while accessing the Internet at the library.

Use of Zoom, video calls, or other conferencing software may only be utilized in designated areas.

Printing, Saving, and Equipment

Printing is available for a per-page fee. Current rates are posted at service desks.

Users should save documents to their own storage devices or cloud accounts. The library is not responsible for data loss. The library cannot provide technical support for personal devices and is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss of patron equipment.

Session Management

All public computers shut down automatically 15 minutes before closing.

A maximum of two people per computer is permitted, unless in a staff-led program.

Enforcement

Violations of this policy may result in suspension of computer privileges, removal from the library, and/or referral to law enforcement as appropriate.

Library Policy

Sanibel Public Library District Board of Commissioners

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