

Internet

High Point Public Library Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Statement of Purpose and Disclaimer

The High Point Public Library provides Internet access as part of its commitment to meeting the informational needs of the community it serves. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion and risk. While the Internet is a valuable source of timely information, it sometimes is not the most efficient or accurate avenue for obtaining certain types of information, which may be available in other library sources. The High Point Public Library and the City of High Point cannot be held responsible for content found on the Internet, some of which is inaccurate, biased, and out of date.

Policy:

1. Only library software may be used in the Public Computer Center, and changing computer settings is prohibited.
2. The following activities are prohibited and may result in the permanent banning of you or your device from the library network:
 - Peer-to-Peer file sharing (e.g., P2P, BitTorrent, Bearshare, etc.)
 - Displaying, downloading, or printing obscene material, as defined in North Carolina General Statute 14-115.
 - Downloading or sharing illegal or copyrighted materials.
 - Attempting to circumvent Internet filters or other network security devices.
 - Any activity that would be in violation of City of High Point policies or regulations.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, the High Point Public Library has installed Internet filtering software to protect minors from accessing any inappropriate or harmful matter which shall include but is not limited to obscene materials, pornographic material, violent materials or materials for constructing illegal devices. In compliance with CIPA, the High Point Public Library:
 - Strives to protect the safety and security of minors when using chat rooms, e-mail, and other forms of direct electronic communication.
 - Prohibits minors from engaging in unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful online activities.
 - Prohibits minors from engaging in unauthorized disclosure of personal identification information; and
 - Prohibits minors from accessing any harmful materials.

Library filtering software cannot guarantee complete protection from harmful materials, and the onus of ensuring the safety of minors ultimately is the responsibility of the parent or other responsible adult.

4. Users agree that the High Point Public Library will be held harmless from any claims or losses that might be made against the library or the City of High Point as a result of Internet usage at the library.
5. Violation of any of the above policies may result in temporary or permanent loss of computer and/or Internet access privileges.

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Procedures:

1. A High Point Public Library card in good standing is required to use public access computers, located in the Public Computing Center on the 2nd floor.
2. Computer users will be asked to enter their library card number and PIN in order to gain access to the computers and the Internet. Your PIN is generally the last four digits of the telephone number listed in your borrowed account. New library cards are issued at the Lending and Customer Services desks on the 1st floor.
3. Computers in the Public Computing Center are available on a first-come, first-served basis for 90-minute sessions. Two additional optional 30-minute sessions are available if no one is waiting. When the Computing Center is full, customers may reserve the next available computer at the reservation station located by the Research Services desk.
4. Children under the age of 10 using the Public Computing Center must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
5. Customers may not download any files onto the hard drives of the Internet computers. Files may be downloaded to a flash drive. Flash drives are available for sale at the Research Services desk.
6. Printing in both black and color is available from Public Computer Center computers. Customers have the option of paying for their prints at the Research Services desk or by accessing funds previously deposited to their library card account. Printing is not available from wireless devices.
7. The Public Computer Center and wireless access closes 30 minutes prior to library closing.