Long Beach Public Library

Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Long Beach Public Library provides its patrons free use of public computers with Internet access. However, while these computers are here for your use, there are some policies you must follow in order to do so.

CIPA Standards and General Etiquette

The Internet can be a dangerous place for ANY age – especially our children. Long Beach Public Library complies with the Children's Internet Protect Act (CIPA) and its standards by having all of its Internet access computers equipped with filtering software. Adults (18 years and older) may request that a site be unblocked; however, that request may be denied if it does not comply with CIPA standards.

We are happy you are here to use the computers and wireless access. However, please remember you are in a public library. Therefore, "visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography or any material deemed harmful to minors" is strictly prohibited; both on the public access computers and while using our wireless internet even if it is on your personal laptop or mobile device. Please keep in mind that not all sites are appropriate to view in public places.

Also, as a courtesy, if you are talking to others sitting next to you, please remember to keep the volume low and your words clean.

Using the Public Access Computers

All patrons wishing to use their permanent library card or temporary pass for Internet access must sign a user agreement form stating they have read the Internet Safety Policy and Computer and Internet Use Policy for Long Beach Public Library. A parent's or legal guardian's signature must be included on forms for any child under the age of 18.

All of the public access computers are self-service. Printing is allowed on all computers located in the adult computer area, and on the computers in the children's wing. Prints are .20 per page and can be retrieved at the front desk. Color prints are not available. Headphones are provided at the front desk and at the desk in the children's area for your convenience. Computer use is limited to sessions of three hours per day.

Computers in the main wing are provided for patrons who have permanent library cards or temporary passes and who are also 16 years of age or older. Teenagers who are 16 years of age may use the computers in the main wing but only if they have a permanent library card or a temporary pass signed by their parent or legal guardian allowing them to do so.

Computers in the children's wing are provided for patrons who have permanent library cards or temporary passes and who are also ages 5 - 15 years of age. Children (ages 5 – 15) are allowed to use the computers in the children's wing, but we must first have a parent's or legal guardian's authorization if they are under the age of 18. A legal guardian must show proof of guardianship. Adults wishing to use the computers while visiting with children must use the computers in the children's wing.

Printing from the Public Access Computers

Printing from any of the Internet access available computers is possible through our print management software. Whether you have chosen to use the "File...Print...Ok" method or by printing from within the software you are using (ex. clicking on a printer icon), once you have chosen to print your document, the