

Internet Use Policy

Abbott Library, Sunapee, NH

The Library provides computing resources which allow public access to a variety of networked electronic resources, including the Internet. Access to the Internet is available via several computer terminals in the Library and through a wireless network that can be accessed with a personal laptop computer or other personal device. The Library reserves the right to suspend or terminate access to the Internet or other network services without prior notice at any time and for any reason. Violations of the law such as destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner. Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

All Library electronic and computer devices and data management and storage systems (collectively, "Systems") are the property of the Library. Users have no claim, right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any such property.

Use of the Systems is not private, confidential, or privileged. Users cannot, and should not, expect any use of such Systems to be private, confidential, or privileged. The Library can and does monitor and review such use, and may disclose any information stored, transmitted, or accessed on the Systems. By engaging in the use of the Systems, users consent to all such monitoring, review, use, and disclosure.

The Internet is a global network of interconnected computers with no central authority overseeing its contents. Therefore, the Library is not responsible for the content, reliability, accuracy and timeliness of information found on the Internet. The Library has the right to decide, in its discretion, the amount and type of use permitted generally and by any particular user or group of users at any time. No one may engage in any use of the Systems that interferes with or diminishes any other users use of the Systems. Library staff may limit use of computer equipment.

Users may not install or download any executable data (*e.g.*, software program) to the Systems. Users may not engage or participate in, aid or assist, or otherwise permit any malicious or otherwise intentionally harmful conduct related to the Systems or any other electronic or computer systems, including any malicious or intentional attack on the Systems or any other such systems. Users may not avoid or attempt to avoid any security measure designed to protect the Systems.

The Library uses a filter on its network. The intent is to block access to sites that are deemed by the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director as inappropriate for workstations in a public area that is shared by both children and adults. A request to unblock a website may be made to a staff member. Users shall not intentionally access material that is obscene, pornographic, deemed "harmful to minors," or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.

Users may print from the Library computers at a cost established by the Library Director and posted on a fee schedule. Prompt payment is required by users who incur charges for printing. Students who need printouts for school assignments and patrons who need tax forms may print them at no cost.

Users may not use the Systems for the storage, transmission, or other handling of any protected health information or personally identifiable information, including such information related to themselves.

Internet workstations shall not be used for hacking or spreading viruses and or any other unlawful purpose. Users shall not use the Systems for any illegal, unlawful, intimidating, threatening, violent, harassing, discriminatory, or other improper purpose. Users shall immediately notify the Library Director if they are or become aware of any of the foregoing conduct, or any risk to the safety, security, or integrity of the Systems or Library patrons.

Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.

Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or damage or modify computer equipment or software.

Headphones must be used for computer audio

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