

**Solon Public Library**  
**Internet and Technology Policy**

**About the Internet and Technology Policy**

The Library is committed to digital equity. The Library provides public access to computers, Internet, and other devices to augment the community's educational and informational resources for library visitors of all ages. The Internet and technology are available for use within the Library.

**Responsibilities of Patrons**

1. The public has access to technology and electronic devices for in-library use. Internet resources and computer access through the Library are provided equally to all. Children have access to the same resources as adults. It is the right and responsibility of guardians and caregivers to guide their children in the selection of resources compatible with their family's values and beliefs.
2. The Library cannot act in place of guardian/caregiver and urges guardians/caregivers to work with their own children in their use of Internet resources. Guardians/caregivers should be aware that the Internet is an unregulated global network and is neither a secure nor a private environment.
3. The Library is not responsible for security of personal information shared on or with non-library sites and users are encouraged to use caution before sharing personal information (name, address, password, telephone number, school or work, credit card number, etc.) online. This includes but is not limited to email, instant messaging, online purchasing, social media sites, and commercial sites.
4. The Library cannot guarantee the accuracy and/or authenticity of information discovered online, and staff assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy or currency of Internet resources.
5. Users must not incur any costs to the Solon Public Library through access to fee-for-service information providers, online shopping, or any other Internet use.
6. The Library is not responsible for damage incurred to a patron's personal storage devices or personal laptops or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's Internet services.
7. The Library's technology equipment is for public use and patrons should log off any personal online accounts after using Library technology and save any work created during the session to a personal device or account. Once Library computers are restarted, any data saved on the computers is deleted and the computers revert to the default Library settings.
8. Use of the Library's wireless network or of a Library computer implies agreement with the Library's Internet Use Policy on file.
9. Users must comply with all local, state and federal laws while using the Internet. Users found to have violated any laws, including but not limited to those concerning privacy, obscenity, fraud or copyright, while using Library facilities or equipment will have their Internet privileges revoked.
10. The library does not filter Internet content. Staff may, however, ask users to refrain from printing or displaying certain content on screens open to public sight in order to ensure the secure and comfortable environment of the Library.

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11. Computer use records are confidential and the library does not retain them.

**Loss of Internet and/or Technology Privileges:** Use of the Library's network or computers in an illegal, disruptive, or destructive manner, or failure to abide by Library policies or procedures, may result in the loss of Internet and/or Technology privileges.

**Staff Assistance:** Library staff may be able to answer basic computer questions. Patrons may also request individual training or attend free technology-related computer assistance offered by Library staff.

**Wireless Access at the Library:** Unfiltered, wireless Internet access is provided free of charge to anyone using their personal laptop computer or device equipped with functioning wireless network connection. The Library assumes no responsibility for wireless users' equipment or software and cannot guarantee the security of your files or transmissions.

**Time Limits:** Computer use time limits may be imposed based on demand and computer availability.

**Internet User Agreement:** Patron must agree to these terms to connect to the Library Internet.

**Responsibilities of Patrons:**

1. The consumption of food and drink is not allowed by the computers.
2. Disruptive behavior or abuse to equipment may result in termination of a patron's privilege to use library equipment.
3. Illegal acts involving library computers may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. It is against the law to download or provide child pornography, or display pornography where it may be seen by children (Iowa Code, chapter 728.2). Under copyright law, illegal duplication or sharing of copyrighted materials is prohibited.
4. Use of the Internet on any SPL device implies agreement with the SPL Internet Use Agreement.
5. There is a fee for printing and/or making copies at the library. Current fees are posted at the library.