

Internet & Public Access Computer Policy

The Internet enables access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, but it also enables access to material that some may find offensive, disturbing, inaccurate or incomplete.

The Corsicana Public Library cannot control the content of resources available to the Internet and cannot be held responsible for their content.

The availability of information does not constitute endorsement of the content by the Corsicana Public Library

The Library is not responsible for damage, theft or loss of personal property or software used in the library.

The Library is a public place and patrons should not have an expectation of privacy.

The Corsicana Public Library reserves the right to change its Internet and Public Access Policy at any time.

Use of Library computers or the Library's wireless network constitutes acceptance and agreement of the "Internet and Public Access Computer Policy"

Children's Internet Access

Restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian who must give permission, when registering the child for a card, in order for a person under the age of eighteen to use the internet.

The public library, unlike schools, does not serve in place of the parent. Librarians cannot act in place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the internet.

The responsibility for what minors read or view on the internet rests with parents or guardians.

Acceptable Use

Library computers and wireless network may not be used for any activity prohibited by law including but not limited to accessing child pornography or materials which by local community standards would be obscene as defined in **U.S. Code Title 18 and Texas State Penal Code Chapters 42 and 43.**

In addition, the following activities are prohibited in the Library:

- Attempting to alter or damage computer equipment, software configurations, or files belonging to the Corsicana Public Library or City of Corsicana, other users, or external networks;
- Attempting unauthorized entry to the Library's and/or City of Corsicana's computer network;
- Intentional propagation of computer viruses;
- Violation of copyright or communication laws. **U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code)** prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principle of fair use. Responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.
- Hacking and violation of computer system security;
- Use of computer communications facilities in ways that interfere with, or impede computer use of others;
- Obtrusively displaying information with the intent of being disruptive or offensive to others.

Corsicana Public Library reserves the right to terminate network connections for users who violate these guidelines and to prohibit violators from future access to or use of the libraries computer services, and to revoke all privileges.

Wireless Internet Access

The Internet and Public Access Computer Policy prohibits disruptive or illegal activity while using the Libraries wireless internet service. It is the responsibility of the user to understand these policies and his/her obligation to refrain from inappropriate or illegal activities.

The Corsicana Public Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for wireless device configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Libraries wireless network.

The Library can make no guarantees as to the compatibility of a library users device with the Library's wireless network.

Printers are not connected to the Libraries wireless network.

Audio users must bring headphones

Refrain from using sounds that might be disruptive to others
Library Staff are not able to provide technical assistance for wireless users