

Ceresco Public Library Internet and Computer Use Policy

General Rules

The Ceresco Public Library provides equitable access to programs, services, and materials to the community with the understanding that it is the individual user's responsibility to use good judgement, show respect for others, and use appropriate conduct while using the library's resources and facilities. The Library offers internet access to support our mission to facilitate the learning of our young people and adults in our community.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet Filters") shall be used to block or filter access to inappropriate information and to protect the computers. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), blocking shall be applied to any material potentially harmful to minors.

At the discretion of the staff, technology protection measures may be disabled for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

All library computers may only be used for legal purposes and may not be used to harass, libel, or slander others, or to perform unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material. The computers may not be used to access illegal materials such as child pornography.

Parents and legal guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. Parents who have concerns about what is accessible on the Internet are encouraged to supervise in person their child's Internet sessions. The library staff does not supervise Internet content for patrons of any age.

Library staff will do its best to assist our computer users in the basics of the Internet or in-house computer programs. However, library staff should not be expected to provide in-depth training on the Internet or other computer functions.

By using a library computer, patrons are agreeing to abide by the library policy on public use of computer workstations and access to the Internet.

Code of Conduct

1. Users will not use equipment for illegal activities.
2. Users must sign up to use the Internet on a “next-available” basis when all the computers are being used.
3. Time limits on computer usage will be determined by the task being done and by availability.
4. Users will not make any attempt to gain access to restricted files or networks or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.

Other Conditions

Users may have their sessions terminated for disruptive behavior, misuse of the computer, improper disabling of the filter software, damaging library property, or illegal activity.

If a library employee believes a computer user has failed to comply with this Internet Use Policy of the Code of Conduct, s/he may be barred from using the Library computers for up to 2 weeks.

A patron who deliberately damages the library’s computers will be required to pay for any cost associated with repair or replacement of the computer.

Dated this 19th day of July 2017.

Approved by the Ceresco Community Library Board of Trustees