

Acceptable Use Policy for Internet

The Reinbeck Public Library aims to provide our patrons of all ages with materials for recreational and educational purposes. This includes Internet access. In order to maintain safety of the Internet users, we have an acceptable use policy.

The use of the Internet for unethical or unlawful activities is prohibited. Users may not make any unauthorized changes to the system, install software, damage or alter the software or hardware, connect or disconnect cables. A flash drive may be used to save information from a computer. The library is not responsible for any damage to flash drives when used in library computers. Each user is responsible for complying with copyright law and adhering to software licensing agreements.

The library does not offer email accounts. Hotmail and other free e-mail access accounts may be used.

Sending threatening or obscene messages is prohibited.

Although it is the users right to freely search the internet, the library is a public space open to children. As such, explicit material searched on the computer is a violation of the library space. Anyone found viewing explicit material on the library computers or personal devices will be asked to leave the library premises.

Internet use is considered private. Any restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The Reinbeck Library will not act as a censor.

Persons violating these rules will be banned from use of the Internet for a 30 day period for a first offense. For a second offense, they will be banned for a 90 day period. Further offense will be left up to the discretion of the library board.

Children after school may use the computers for 1 hour if there is no one waiting. If there is a wait time for the computers, they may only be used for 30 minutes, alternating until each patron has used 1 hour of time. If the computers are being used for homework the patron may stay on the computer for up to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Wireless: As of October, 2011, the library provides free, unsecured wireless Internet access for public use. The library does not provide personal wireless devices for public use. The library does not provide technical support for privately owned personal wireless devices. Personal use of the library's public wireless access will conform with policies regulating other types of public Internet access provided by the library.