



Newmarket Public Library Internet Access Policy

The Newmarket Public Library seeks to provide equal access to information for persons of all ages. There are many sites on the Internet the individual computer users may regard as controversial and/or inappropriate. The library does not attempt to protect users of its computers from information they may find offensive or objectionable. The Newmarket Public Library does not filter internet access in any way

The Library will not tolerate use of its computers and network in a way that violates local, state, or federal law. Whether using a library computer or a personal laptop, patrons are expected to refrain from displaying graphics which are inappropriate for public viewing.

- Internet access is available whenever the library is open until 10 minutes prior to closing
- Users must sign up at the circulation desk to use a computer
- Time is limited to 30 minutes, if another patron is waiting
- Printing is available at a nominal charge per page for printing.
- Users must cooperate with the librarians as requested to ensure equitable computer use and a safe computing environment
- Users may plug in any appropriate device on our computers, but may not remove anything from the back of computers
- Only one person at a workstation at a time.

Misuse of Computer:

Downloading to the hard drive and manipulating the computer's operating system, setup or files are prohibited. This includes changing the home page, adding or altering screen savers and adding icon to the desktop. Abuse of the hardware and/or software will result in the user being denied use of the PC's. Patrons will be held responsible for any damage to equipment caused by misuse.

Children's Room Internet Access Policy:

The Children's Room will provide Internet access to children up through 5th grade. The Internet is an ever- changing source of information and not all sites are accurate or current. The Library does not filter internet access in any way. Many sites are inappropriate for children, and therefore parents are encouraged to come to the library and use the Internet with their children. Ultimate responsibility for how children use the internet is a matter for parents and their children to decide.

Privacy:

Newmarket Public Library is a public building and users of computer resources need to recognize that there can be no expectation of privacy. However, the Library upholds the right of confidentiality for all users. No one may review the content of a user's internet log files unless so authorized by a court order issued pursuant to RSA 91-A:5 and RSA 201-D:11 or by the USA Patriot Act

The Newmarket Public Library staff are authorized to limit or terminate any user's session, or to prohibit a user from subsequent sessions, given cause to believe the user has failed to comply with the Internet Access Policy and Rules of Conduct. Users whose access has been terminated or prohibited may appeal the action to the Board of Library Trustees.

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Newmarket Public Library
Board of Trustees