The Haywood County Public Library System offers public access to the internet via library computers and Wi-Fi because it provides a vast array of informational resources that are otherwise unavailable to library patrons. By accessing the internet, an individual has agreed to abide by this Computer Use and Internet Policy. Any violation of this policy may result in the loss of computer and internet privileges at the library; unacceptable use that is illegal may also result in criminal prosecution.

**Conditions of Access**

Library computer access is granted to library card holders with less than $50 in fines and fees on their cards. A guest pass, obtainable at the circulation desk, will be required if fines and fees exceed $5. Non-card holders may request a guest pass for computer access.

Users are allowed one hour of exclusive use (except for on the 15-minute express terminals), this time may be extended if there are no existing reservations for computer use. Users are responsible for their belongings and their information while at the Library.

There is no need for a library card or password to access Wi-Fi, and no time limit on use.

Haywood County reserves the right to refuse access to the public computers to anyone for any reason.

**Usage Policy**

The Haywood County Library System Internet Policy Prohibits the Following:

- Viewing, printing, distributing, displaying, sending or receiving disruptive messages, files, or images.
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personally identifying information.
- Installing software or altering software configurations on public computers.
- Modifying or damaging computer hardware or peripherals.
- Violating copyright laws or software licensing restrictions.
- Gaining unauthorized access to Haywood County’s network or computer systems or to any other network or computer system.
- Using library computers to conduct any unlawful activity.
- Attempting to access, accessing, printing, distributing, sending or receiving images and materials that are obscene or pornographic.
- Using the computers to violate any laws of the State of North Carolina or the United States.
CIPA Compliant Statement

As a recipient of federal technology funds, the Haywood County Public Library is required to comply with the CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (Pub. L. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)). CIPA requires the use of filtering technology on all of its internet-enabled computers and Wi-Fi. These filters are intended to block access to material that is obscene, pornographic or harmful to minors. Filtering software are not 100% effective, and may not filter all harmful images and sites and may block images and sites that should not be blocked.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to supervise their children when using library computers or accessing the internet. Parents or guardians are responsible for any personal information their child disseminates over the internet.

Liability

The Haywood County Public Library is not responsible for any losses incurred while accessing the computers or internet to include loss of data, private information or personal property.

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