COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

The Montauk Library provides computers and Internet access for educational, information and recreational purposes. The Library makes no warranty, expressed or implied, for the timeliness, accuracy or usefulness for a particular purpose of information accessed via the Internet. Patrons must accept this Computer and Internet Policy in order to access the computers and Internet.

ACCESS:
1. Use of the Library's computers and the Internet is free to the public.
2. Library computers must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of other users.
3. The Montauk Library complies with the requirements of CIPA - *The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is the federal law that requires all computers in the public library to be filtered (Supreme Court decision: No.02-361(June 23, 2003))*. All public internet access at the Montauk Library is filtered for content.
4. Laptops & Chromebooks are available for patron and visitor use. Laptops utilize a Windows operating system and are loaded with Microsoft Office applications, & the Chrome web browser. Chromebooks feature the ChromeOS and the Chrome web browser. They are intended for patrons seventeen years or older and are available at the circulation desk in the local history center.
5. Patrons may listen to audio content providing they use headphones. Users should bring headphones or purchase earbuds from the library. Earbuds purchased through the library may not be returned after use.
6. Patrons may use personal USB flash drives for storage of data retrieved while using a library computer. All user data is automatically removed from borrowed computers after use.
7. Users may not:
    a. Damage or make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
    b. Alter or make an attempt to alter computer or Internet configurations
    c. use Library computers for illegal or criminal purposes, including accessing unauthorized networks, communication services or resources, or to display pornographic or obscene matter.
    d. Engage in activity which is harassing, libelous or defamatory.
    e. Invade the privacy of others or maker any attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others.

       f. Install or download any software.
       g. Misrepresent oneself.

8. Library staff may give patrons limited and reasonable assistance with computer usage. Patrons are expected to have basic computer knowledge

SESSIONS:
1. All computers and devices are available on a first come, first served basis. If all are in use, patrons will be added to a waiting list.

2. Patrons are responsible for logging off and shutting down their computer at the end of their session. Logging or powering off deletes any saved work and personal data. The Library is not responsible for patrons who fail to log off.

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE:

1. Public Wi-Fi is available throughout the library building and property.
2. The Library is not responsible for viruses or any other intrusive software patrons' devices may be exposed to while using the Library's wireless Internet access.
3. The Library is not responsible for service interruptions during patron wireless Internet access.

In no event will the Montauk Library have any liability for lost profits, for any direct or indirect special, punitive or consequential damages, or a liability to a third party even if the Library is advised of the possibility of such damages arising from the use of its computers or Internet. Users assume all associated risks and agree to hold harmless the Library for any personal information that is compromised, or any damage caused to users' hardware or software due to electrical surges, security issues, and viruses, hacking or otherwise.

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