

Howard County Library
Computer and Internet Use Policy

Purpose:

In its mission to connect people and resources to inspire, inform, and empower our diverse community, the Library extends access to information and media by offering public Internet access, public access computers, online research databases, applications, and printing.

Terms of Use:

- The Library cannot guarantee the accuracy of information on the Internet and is not responsible for content found on the Internet.
- The Library does not filter content on public access computers.
- Howard County and the Library cannot guarantee the privacy of data or computer usage and is not responsible for loss of privacy or data and accepts no liability for harm or damages resulting from such activity.
- Customers assume responsibility for their personal devices.
- Use of library computers for illegal activity will result in loss of library computer access privileges.
- Display of sexually explicit graphics or otherwise offensive material is inappropriate for an open public environment and is prohibited.
- Customers accept financial responsibility for any damage they cause to library property.
- Customers are prohibited from making any attempts to access restricted files or networks.
- Customers are prohibited from downloading or saving items to library owned computers.
- Customers may download or save items on their own computer or peripheral storage device.
- Children ages 13 through 17 must have signed parent or guardian consent on library card application.
- Children age 12 or younger, must have a parent or guardian present when using computers.
- Only 1 patron per computer. Parent/guardian may supervise up to 2 children at 1 computer.