



Coastal Plain Regional Library System

Serving Ben Hill, Berrien, Cook, Irwin, Tift, and Turner Counties

Computer/Internet Use Policy

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The Coastal Plain Regional Library System strives to provide quality services that enrich the lives of our patrons and enhance the communities in which we serve. Recognizing that access to information is critical to this mission, CPRLS offers free access to a variety of technology resources for patron use.

The CPRLS Board of Trustees has established the Computer/Internet Use Policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of these resources. By using the technology resources of any member library, patrons agree to abide by this policy and any consequences that may result from violations of this policy.

Patrons must present a PINES Library card in good standing to use a library computer. WiFi is available to all for use on personal devices. Those visiting the area may request a limited use guest pass upon presentation of valid photo identification. Parents/guardians have the sole responsibility of supervising the minor's Internet activity.

Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons are allowed one hour of computer time per day. Additional time may be allowed at the discretion of library staff, based on current conditions. Library management reserves the right to adjust time limits to ensure equitable access for all patrons.

In most cases, only one person is allowed per computer. An exception can be made for parents/guardians and their children or when two patrons are working on a shared assignment.

In accordance with federal guidelines, CPRLS employs internet filtering software; however such filtering software is not 100% effective. Some materials available on the internet are offensive to certain individuals and may not be appropriate for children. It is illegal for an individual to deliberately receive, transmit, or display pornographic material; individuals doing so will lose their privilege to use the Library's internet and technology access.

Library technology and/or internet activity is not private, confidential, nor free from observation.

Patrons are expected to comply with local, state, and federal laws, including all copyright and licensing agreements and internet/computer protection laws. CPRLS is not responsible for the accuracy of internet resources and databases.

CPRLS assumes no responsibility for damage to personal disks, USB drives, devices, or other personal technology equipment. Although library computers utilize virus protection software, patrons should be aware that this protection is not 100% effective. Saving information or transmitting files via library technology does not ensure that a virus has not been transmitted.

Patrons are obligated to pay for all pages printed via library technology. Fees vary by facility. Failing to pay for printouts can result in loss of privilege to use the Library's internet and technology access.

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