Grossmont Healthcare District's
Health & Wellness Library
An East County community resource

Internet Use Policy

It is the mission of the Library to help the residents of the Grossmont Healthcare District access reliable health information. In keeping with its mission, the Library provides users with access to the Internet. The vast network of information and resources available on the Internet enables the Library to provide information services beyond the confines of its own collection. Patrons are expected to follow this Internet Use Policy as outlined.

Rights and Responsibilities of Users:
The Library strives to balance the rights of patrons to access various types of information resources with the rights of users to work in a public environment free from disruptive sounds and visuals. There are information resources on the Internet that are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting. Because the Library is a public place shared by people of all ages, library staff reserves the right to end Internet sessions when inappropriate material is displayed.

Parents or guardians of minor children are solely responsible for their child's use of the Internet at the Library. Parents are encouraged to explore the Internet with their children. Although library users are prohibited from accessing pornographic websites, the Library computers are not equipped with filters to block such material. Parents need to monitor their children's Internet use.

The Library computers are not equipped with filters. Library users are expected to use good judgment and common sense when accessing information in a public setting. Because the Library is a public place shared by people of all ages, library staff will not knowingly allow access to obscene or pornographic images and materials that are harmful to minors. The Library reserves the right to end Internet sessions and/or revoke Internet privileges when inappropriate images or materials are displayed. All Internet stations may be monitored by staff.

Patrons are expected to use Internet workstations without Library staff assistance. Staff members are available to assist with basic Internet searching. Library staff can direct patrons to introductory computer classes available online.

Illegal activities or any other activities that are intended to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment are prohibited.

Patrons may not download anything from the Internet to the computer workstation hard drive. Patrons may download only to their own removable storage.

The library is not liable or otherwise responsible for customer's email accounts or other online activities such as purchases, financial transactions, file transfers, downloading, etc.

Use of the Internet is free. Patrons are expected to pay for their printing with cash.

There may be time limits on computer use per day. The time limit may vary according to level of demand. Patrons are expected to follow time limit guidelines which will be enforced when others are waiting.

Computers are automatically logged off at the end of the day. Customers must complete their computer activities, pay for their printing, and prepare to leave by posted closure time of the Library.

Use of the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked if abused.

Copyright Issues:
Materials obtained or copied on Library workstations may be subject to copyright laws which govern the making of reproductions of copyrighted works. A work that is protected by copyright may not be copied without permission of the copyright owner unless the proposed use falls within the definition of "Fair Use" (see our "Copyright and Fair Use Position Statement"). Government sites (websites ending in .gov) are not subject to copyright restrictions. The Library is not responsible for insuring that proper copyright protection procedures are followed – that is the responsibility of the individual Library patron.

Wireless Computing:
Library patrons can use their own wireless-enabled laptop computers or devices to access the Library's wireless Internet network (WiFi). Printing is not available using the Library's wireless connection. The same rights and responsibilities of users that apply to general Internet usage apply to wireless computing.

Disclaimer:
Library users access the Internet at their own discretion. The Library is not responsible for the accuracy, quality, or completeness of the information found on the Internet. Please inquire with library staff about reliable health information websites.