

Computer/Internet Policy:

Introduction:

The Upper St. Clair (USC) Township Library provides public computers for Internet use to further the Library's mission for our patrons to Use, Share, and Connect with the world and the community around them.

In addition to Internet browsing capabilities, public computers contain the full suite of Microsoft Office Products and additional creative software. Wireless Internet access is also available for personal devices, including phones, tablets, and laptops.

All computer users must adhere to the following Policy and Procedures for accessing public computers or Wi-Fi.

CIPA (The Children's Internet Protection Act):

CIPA is a federal law that requires all computers in a public library to be filtered if that library accepts federal funds for internet access. All computers in the USC Library are filtered.

As with other materials, restriction of a minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Accessing/displaying sexually explicit materials that are offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty is prohibited by law. (18 PA Cons. Stat. Sec 5903).

Internet Source Disclaimer:

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. The USC Township Library disclaims any liability or responsibility that arises from access to, or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems or any consequences thereof. The USC Township Library bears responsibility for the content on its own website to be verified as accurate and valid.

Access:

Public access desktop computers are available for patrons in the Adult Library. To use the public computers, a patron must possess a current library card in good standing. If a patron does not have their card, a photo ID is required to access the patron's account and obtain their library card number.

Guest passes for out-of-county users, users without a library card, or users visiting the area are available for computer access. A photo ID must be presented to staff to obtain a guest pass.

Computer time limits are set at two hours a day per patron. If a computer user needs more time for their work, time can be extended at the discretion of staff if no other patron is waiting for a computer. A time limit of one hour will be imposed when patrons are waiting for an available computer.

Age limits or restrictions are not in place; however, children must be monitored by a parent or guardian while using the computers.

Wireless Connectivity:

The USC Library provides free high-speed wireless connectivity to patrons via wireless routers placed throughout the Library. Routers cover all public service areas of the Library. A library card is not required to access the Library's Wi-Fi; users must agree to the terms of use before beginning their session.

Printing and Scanning:

Printing costs are 15 cents for black and white prints and 50 cents for color prints – these fees are to be paid in advance of the release of printouts. Patrons who wish to bring their own paper for printing must still pay printing fees. The Library does not issue refunds for print jobs.

Wireless printing is available. Please see a staff member for instructions.

Scanning services are available with the aid of library staff. Scans are free and will be sent to your email address. The library may limit the size of the jobs and the times of day when scans may be sent.

Noncompliance:

Failure to comply with these stated rules may result in a ban from computer use, removal from the building, loss of library privileges, or exclusion from the Library.