

## PEASE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

As part of Pease Public Library's commitment to meet the cultural, informational, and educational needs of the community, the library is pleased to offer public access to the Internet.

The library provides access to Internet resources equally to all library users, and upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material in accordance with the American Library Association's Bill of Rights. Therefore, the Pease Public Library does not employ filtering or blocking software.

Users are prohibited from using the library's network for illegal activity, to access illegal or obscene materials, or to display material that violates the provisions of Chapters 649A (regarding Child Pornography) and 650 (regarding Obscene Matter) of Title LXII of the New Hampshire Criminal Code. Pease Public Library does not serve in loco parentis, and we encourage parents to supervise their own children's use of library facilities.

Users may sign up for one-hour block of time. The session may be extended up to 4 hours depending on availability. Users must sign in at the circulation desk before sitting down at a computer. Users may only use one computer at a time. The library reserves the right to end a patron's Internet session at any time, for reasons such as policy enforcement or computer repairs.

Library staff will provide limited help and advice as time and expertise allow.

Computers will be available for use whenever the library is open. Computers will turn off fifteen minutes before closing.

Not all sites on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. The Pease Public Library has no control over the materials to be found on the Internet. The library does not condone the use of offensive material. The Internet user must evaluate the validity and accuracy of the information found. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult when using the computer.

Children's Room computers are for children use only.

Teen Area computers are for teen use only.

Headphones must be used for any program that emits sounds. Headphones are available at the circulation desk.

Users may not copy software and must adhere to all copyright laws regarding software use. Users may not download files or programs onto the hard drive. Any information inadvertently saved will be deleted.

Users shall respect the policies, rights and conventions of all the organizations and individuals who use the Internet, and shall not access any systems for which access has not been authorized.

Users shall obey all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing copyright, licensing, and content restrictions.

While our public computers are on a secure network, patrons should exercise caution when sharing sensitive information like credit card or social security numbers. The library is not responsible for any theft of personal information or monetary loss that results from the use of our public computers. The library discourages patrons from sharing any personal data at all when using our public WiFi, because this network is not secure. Free WiFi is available inside and outside the library.

The per-page printout charge is 15 cents for black and white prints, one dollar for color prints. There will be no charge for the first ten pages for elementary and high school students using the computer for school-related research purposes. Please print only what is necessary!

Any damage to the computer or its peripheral devices is the responsibility of the user. Adults are financially responsible for any harm done to the computer by children for whom they have signed the computer use policy. Abuse of the equipment or the service will result in the user being denied further access to the service. Malicious damage may result in prosecution [RSA 202-A:24].

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