Internet Access Polices

In order to meet the informational and educational needs of our community, Crete Public Library provides access to various information resources through public Internet computers and laptops. Wireless access is provided for mobile devices. The Library also provides a document scanner for patron use.

Crete Public Library is not responsible for any of the internet's content or accuracy of information. The Internet is a global entity with a multitude of users. Library patrons should access the Internet with this in mind. Library patrons should also be aware that the Internet is not secure, and therefore it may be possible for third parties to obtain information regarding patrons' activities on the Internet. Crete Public Library, however, will not release information on public use of the Internet except as required by law.

As with our print, audio, databases and DVD collections, access to the Internet is provided to all patrons. Crete Public Library is not responsible for monitoring patron use of the Internet, regardless of age. Parents or guardians are responsible for their children's use of the Internet. Parents or guardians may restrict their children's Internet use by notifying Library staff. Staff will place an Internet restriction on the child's library card. With this restriction, a parent may indicate that the child may not use the Internet at all, or only under the parent's supervision. Library staff may provide information to parents and children regarding age appropriate web sites.

Library staff will assist patrons with basic Internet use and printing. Patrons seeking more advanced computer skills may sign up for the Library's periodic computer classes.

Guidelines for Internet/Computer Access

- To access the Internet, patrons must have a current library card or a photo i.d.. Non-resident patrons who choose not to purchase a library card may be issued an Internet Use Only card without paying the Library's non-resident fee.
- Patrons must have less than $5.00 in fines to use a computer.
- If all patron computers are utilized, the person who has been at their computer for the longest time will be asked to give up their seat if another new patron wishes to use a computer.
- Children seven (7) years and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling when using the Internet.
- Printing charges (black and color) are based on current materials costs.
- Patrons who use the Internet in a disruptive manner may be asked to leave the Library for a period of time determined by the Library Director. Illegal use of the Library's computer resources will result in the loss of patron computer privileges.

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