

The Gloversville Public Library provides its cardholders with access to computers and the internet as part of its ongoing commitment to make information available in a variety of formats and from a variety of sources.

Only in-district cardholders will be able to use the public Internet computers in the Children's Room and the Adult Department. An in-district patron is someone who resides within the Gloversville Enlarged School District or someone who pays taxes to the school district and can produce a tax bill in his or her name. All others are considered out-of-district patrons.

The computers in the Reference Room are available only to an in-district cardholder in good standing with an adult or teen library card. To be in good standing a cardholder can not have any outstanding debt as defined by the Fee and Charges Appendix.

The computers in the Children's Room are available only to an in-district cardholder with a juvenile library card and in good standing. To be in good standing a cardholder can not have any outstanding debt as defined by the Fee and Charges Appendix. Patrons with a juvenile library card must have parental permission on file with the Library to access the Internet. Parents and guardians are responsible for sites their children access. The Library staff cannot and does not act *in loco parentis*. Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to participate in their child's learning by helping their child select materials that they feel are appropriate.

Guest passes are available to visitors on a limited basis.

Users may not modify Library hardware, delete or modify Library software nor install software on Library computers. Only the A: and USB drives maybe used for accessing and saving personal files. The Library reserves the right to impose time restrictions on computer use and to limit the number of patrons per computer.

The Library cannot control the information available through the Internet and does not accept responsibility for its quality, accuracy, or timeliness. Library computers do not have filters. Internet users who release personal information do so at their own risk. Anything accessed or entered on the Library's computers is not secure and may be accessible to others.

The Library is a public space that is shared by patrons of all ages. The Library's internet workstations may not be used for illegal, harmful, or damaging purposes; may not be used to access potentially offensive information or images, and must be used in compliance with this policy.

A patron's internet privileges will be suspended or revoked if, in the opinion of the Library Director, use and/or behavior at the internet workstations is not in accordance with this policy. Illegal acts involving the Library's internet connection may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. Users will be held responsible for their actions using the internet.

The Library also provides wireless access to anyone having a computer with wireless capability. Laptop computers are not provided by the Library. Wireless users are bound by the same usage guidelines as patrons using the Library's computers.

Patrons are responsible for the cost of pages printed even if printed in error.

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