



Canon City Public Library

Patron Computer Use Policy

Canon City Public Library (CCPL) provides access to Library resources and information through physical and virtual materials and technology. These include electronic resources, services, networks, and computer access that meet the informational needs and interests of the patrons we serve and to provide access to diverse ideas.

To protect the patron's right of access, ensure the safety of public and staff, and protect Library resources and facilities, CCPL prohibits certain activities that constitute unacceptable use of the Library. Such use may result in suspension or loss of Library privileges, including removal from the Library and/or criminal prosecution or other legal action. Unacceptable use of Library technology and resources includes without limitation:

- Theft, damage, or destruction of Library property, including software or hardware components of a computer or computing system.
- Use of programs that infiltrate a computer or computing system, including uploading harmful programming, vandalism, hacking, and the production or use of malware or spam.
- Violation of the legal protection provided by copyright laws and licenses for print, electronic, video, or digital resources, programs, and data. This includes downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret, or plagiarized information/materials.
- Assuming the identity of another person without the explicit authorization of the other person.
- Seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, data, or passwords belonging to other users of CCPL's electronic resources.
- Viewing or downloading obscene or adult materials.
- Illegal activities in violation of federal, state, or local laws.
- Installing software or changing configurations of Library property.
- Attempts to circumvent computer security or monitoring systems including the use of virtual private network services, proxies, or other tools intended to mask identity or session activity.
- Improper use of the computer network including high-bandwidth consumption or use of malicious software.

CCPL may restrict use of computers based on age in areas designated for teens and children.

As with all Library materials, CCPL affirms the responsibility of parents/guardians, not Library staff, to determine and monitor their child's (under 18 years old) use of the internet. Because CCPL cannot control all aspects of this vast resource, we urge parents to continually participate in their child's learning process by helping them make good choices in selecting appropriate materials and websites.

CCPL filters all our computers and Wi-Fi access equally. We apply a category-based content filter to our internet access. This means if the requested internet site, computer program, or cloud-based service is on that list, we block access to it. Our filtering system meets the [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) and Colorado state law regulations. We also filter access on our circulating wireless internet devices. CCPL reserves the right to update or change internet filters at any time.

CCPL does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of its internet filters. We welcome patrons to consult with staff on finding the most appropriate resources for their information needs.

CCPL reserves the right to ask any person to stop using the computer and leave the Library if not complying with posted restrictions.

CCPL does not guarantee the protection of user's personal information due to the public nature of the Library user computer systems. All activity on the computer network, including the use of WiFi, is monitored and recorded. There

shall be no expectation of privacy while using Library internet resources.

By accessing or using the Library’s computers or network, you signify that you have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms of this Policy.



Ryan Stevens, City Administrator



Sue Hitt, Board President