

STANISLAUS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY PATRON INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

PURPOSE:

The Internet is available at the Stanislaus County Law Library ("Library") for performing legal research and to access the online catalog only. Appropriate use is determined by Library staff. Minors **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. The Library staff does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. The Library makes no guarantee with respect to Internet service, and expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems or any consequences thereof. Due to the limited resources available for provision of public access to the Internet, the Library may set limits on the use of large files of still or moving images or sound, or on downloading files in any medium. Patrons utilizing the Internet for illegal or other non-legal research purposes may have their Internet privileges revoked.

ACCESS:

- Use per patron is restricted to two - one-half hour sessions per day separated by one - half hour, but time blocks may be extended if not all of the Library's public computer workstations are in use.
- If all of the Library's public computer workstations are in use, patrons must sign in on the Library Computer Waiting List Sign-In Sheet in order to reserve their turn to use one of the Library's public computer workstations.
- Users must be at least 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult. Identification may be required. The adult is responsible for all material accessed by the minor.
- Written instructions are provided for the use of the Internet. The Library staff can provide minimal individual instruction, and limited research assistance. The Library staff does not verify or interpret database information.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Please take appropriate precautions while transmitting personal or confidential information over the unsecured wireless connection.

PRINTING:

A printer is available for use at 10¢ per page. Please pay at the Reference Desk. Information may also be downloaded to a storage device.

UNACCEPTABLE USES OF THE INTERNET:

Unacceptable use includes but is not limited to:

- Intentionally damaging or destroying equipment, software or data belonging to the Library or adding, altering, or deleting files on Library public computer workstations.
- Eating or drinking while using Library public computer workstations.
- Use of the Internet for any illegal activity.
- Use of the Internet to harass others including but not limited to sexual harassment.
- Use of the Internet to violate software or database license agreements.
- Use of the equipment and /or software for commercial purposes.
- Use of Library public computer workstations to access chat rooms or games.

Penalties for unacceptable use of the Library's public computer workstations may include prohibiting future access to Library facilities by the patron

The Library staff reserves the right to suspend or terminate Internet use

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