

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIPA AND PUBLIC COMPUTER USAGE POLICY

The Children's Internet Protection Act is a federal law Congress enacted in 12/2000 to address access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. Libraries or schools that received Federal funding or participate in E-Rate fall under the CIPA laws. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued rules implementing CIPA and the Calhoun County Public Libraries fall under these rules and regulations.

CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- 1. Computers are made available to patrons on a first come, first served basis. There is no guarantee that a computer or a Laptop will be available.**
- 2. Adults must have a library card on file to use the computers.**
- 3. Time limits for computer usage may be imposed without notice.**
- 4. Patrons must request permission to print.**
- 5. .20 a page charge for computer printing in black and white.**
- 6. \$1.00 a page charge for color prints.**
- 7. Patrons must have a current library card to use the computers.**
- 8. Children under 18 must have a current library card with a parent's signature to use computers.**
- 9. Patrons living in or outside Calhoun County must have a current library card on file or have a picture ID and pay \$1.00 for usage.**
- 10. Patrons are not permitted to bring floppies/disks or other portable devices from outside the library that have not been scanned for viruses and approved for appropriate usage by the Tech Services Coordinator. Downloading to a portage device will be at the discretion of the Library Director.**
- 11. Patrons may only use computers for legal purposes. Users must comply with all copyright and licensing laws.**
- 12. Computer hardware and software must be used as installed. Users are not permitted to delete, add to, or modify hardware/software. Users are not permitted to use personal software.**
- 13. Patrons are not permitted to download to the hard drive**
- 14. Patrons are not permitted to use cell-phones in the labs unless given permission.**
- 15. Technology Protection Measures (TPMs) commonly referred to as filters are on each computer in compliance with CIPA. Filters will be disabled by a library staff member when requested by an adult patron or the adult patron will be provided a laptop with minimum filtering.**
- 16. Adults 18 + may check out Laptop Computers and use them in specified areas of the library but must have a current library card and must leave their driver's license or other form of identify at the front desk. When the laptop is returned they will be given their card back.**
- 17. E-Government access may be provided with support assistance provided a computer and staff member is available.**

BLOUNTSTOWN LIBRARY

Adult Computer Lab (16+ age):

- A. This lab is dedicated to adults 16 years of age and older. Group and individual instruction is available.
- B. Young Adults, 16-17 years of age, must have a parent or guardians signature to use computers in the Adult Lab.
- C. Juveniles under the age of 16 may not use the Adult Computer Lab and are not permitted in the Adult Computer Lab.
 - Exceptions to this may be made if a class is held that includes Juveniles under 16 and the content and program is presented and monitored by an instructor.

Juvenile Computer Lab (4th – age 15 and parents):

- A. Juveniles from the 4th grade through age 15 are permitted in the Juvenile Computer Lab with or without a parent's oversight; but must have parent's or legal guardians signature on library card.

School Readiness Room (birth -3rd grade children and parents):

- A. Adults may check out a laptop at the front desk and use the laptop in the School Readiness Room so that they can monitor their children's activities.
- B. Children are not permitted to be left unattended in the School Readiness Room.

Laptop Computers:

- A. Adults 18 + may check out Laptop Computers and use them in specified areas of the library but must have a current library card and must leave their driver's license or other form of identify at the front desk. When the laptop is returned they will be given their card back.

ALTHA, SHELTON PARK, KINARD PARK, HUGH CREEK PARK and MOSSY POND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- A. The branch libraries are too small to provide a separation between Juvenile, Youth and Adult computers. TPMs (filters) will be disabled by a library staff member if requested by an adult but children must be removed from computers adjacent to the adult. There is no guarantee that a computer will be made available to meet these criteria.
- B. As possible the branch libraries will have an Internet Computer separate from children to facilitate adult usage. There is no guarantee that a computer will be made available that meet these criteria.