

5. COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY

- 5.2. Computers are available for use by the public at no charge.
- 5.3. Computers are available on a first come first served basis, unless previously reserved. Computers may be reserved for one hour of use. Time may be added if other patrons are not waiting. A maximum of three hours per day is allowed. Reservations may be made up to seven days in advance at any service desk. Reservations will be cancelled five minutes past the reserved time and the computer will become available for walk-in use.
- 5.4. All computer users must hold a valid Kearney Public Library card or a guest-pass. Minor users must have a signed *Minor Internet Access Parental Permission Agreement* or be seated with a parent/guardian.
- 5.5. Computers in the youth services area are for use by patrons age seventeen and younger.
- 5.6. Computers in the teen room are for use by patrons ages eleven to seventeen.
- 5.7. Computers in the TLC classroom are for use by patrons age eighteen and older.
- 5.8. Children age 6 years and younger must be seated with a parent/guardian while using a computer.
- 5.9. Adults using a computer should continue to supervise all children accompanying them to the Library.
- 5.10. The library is not responsible for damage to any user's storage device or computer, or any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's computers.
- 5.11. Patrons are expected to treat library equipment with respect and care. The Kearney Public Library reserves the right to restrict or terminate use of the computers if computer use guidelines are not followed.
- 5.12. Library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the internet or computer programs. Staff will assist patrons with basic services. Due to the constantly changing and expanding nature of technology, library staff will not be familiar with every aspect of computers and the internet. Computer training classes will be offered periodically.
- 5.13. Charges for prints are as follows:

Black & White Prints	\$.10
Color Prints	\$.50
- 5.14. All internet traffic from Library computers is filtered to block access to material that is harmful to minors or obscene. Even with filters, please be aware that the library cannot guarantee that patrons will not encounter information or images that are offensive or

disturbing to them. The provision of access does not mean or imply that the library sanctions or endorses the content users encounter.

- 5.15. The internet computers are located in public areas used by library patrons of all ages, backgrounds, sensitivities, and values. Patrons are expected to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images.
- 5.16. Patrons may not use the library workstations for viewing, sending, or receiving materials that may be determined to be harmful to minors as defined by State of Nebraska Statutes 28-807(6).
- 5.17. Patrons may not use library workstations for viewing, sending, or receiving materials that may be determined to be obscene as defined by State of Nebraska Statutes 28-807(10).
- 5.18. Acceptability of screen display will be left to the discretion of the supervising library staff. Patrons found to be viewing internet sites that are harmful to a minor or obscene will face the following penalties:
 - First infraction will result in a warning that loss of library privileges may result.
 - Second infraction will result in loss of library privileges for one week.
 - Third infraction will result in loss of library privileges for four weeks.
 - Fourth infraction, and every infraction thereafter, will result in loss of library privileges for six months.Behavior leading to police involvement may lead to more severe penalties. Loss of library privileges includes not being allowed on the premises.
- 5.19. Police will be notified of any child pornography accessed.
- 5.20. Patrons found to be using another patron's card to access the internet will face the same penalties found in 5.18.
- 5.21. Patrons and/or the parent/guardian are liable for any damage done to an internet workstation's hardware or software and for any illegal acts performed through the library's system. This is not limited to physical damage or vandalism. Tampering with local or remote computer files and/or committing illegal violations will result in permanent loss of internet privileges at the library and may also result in financial liability and/or criminal charges.
- 5.22. Patrons may not violate licensing agreements and copyright laws (Title 14, United States Code).
- 5.23. Information available through the internet is not warranted by the library to be accurate, authoritative, factual, or complete. Patrons must be responsible for verifying the accuracy of any material.
- 5.24. Any information, including software, downloaded from the internet may contain a virus. The library is not responsible for damage to an individual's property, or loss of data or liability that may occur from that individual's use of any of the library's technology or services.