

## BENNINGTON FREE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM COMPUTER USE POLICY

To meet the informational and educational needs of our young patrons, Bennington Free Library offers computer use for word processing, research, and internet access. Computers are available on a *first come basis* and only when a staff member is present to monitor the equipment.

**Children, under the age of 9, must be supervised by their parent or caregiver in the library at all times (See Safe Child Policy). A parent or caregiver must remain at the computer with children ages 6 & under.**

1. Children's computers are for use by children ages 16 and under.
2. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. It is their responsibility to ensure that their child uses the internet in an appropriate and safe manner.
3. Please note: the public internet computers are not filtered, caution is advised. Websites that contain violence or sexually inappropriate material are prohibited and viewing these sites will result in the loss of computer privileges.
4. Children are expected to use good *netiquette* and to be good citizens online.
5. Each child may sign in with the Children's Librarian for a 30-minute block. However, time may be extended at the discretion of the staff.
6. Black & white printing is available for 15 cents and color printing for 50 cents a page. Patrons are responsible for paying for all the pages they print.
7. Children and adults are subject to the Library's Electronic Resources Policy. Adults accompanying children may use the wireless network but must remain responsible for their children's behavior in the Children's Room. Adults are subject to the *Unaccompanied Adult* provision in the Library's Safe Child Policy. (see back of page for these policies)
8. The library staff reserves the right to terminate computer use if these guidelines are not followed.



**Please discuss the above guidelines with your child.**

## **II: Wireless Access:**

This service is free of charge and subject to the terms of the Library's Internet Use Policy in addition to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Wireless access is provided as a public service free of charge on an as - is basis with no guarantee and no warranty. The Library's wireless network is subject to periodic maintenance and unforeseen downtime.**
- 2. There are risks involved with connecting to a public wireless connection, such as possible viruses, malware, loss of data, possible hacking/snooping by others connected, and possible hardware/software failure. It is the user's responsibility to protect his/her information from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of using the Library's wireless access.**
- 3. All Library Wi-Fi users should have up -to- date antivirus software installed on their personal devices.**
- 4. The laptop computer /device owner is responsible for setting up his/her own equipment to access the Library's wireless network. Library staff may be restricted by local policy in handling patron laptops, devices or peripheral equipment and may be limited by local policy to provide no more than general assistance in helping patrons to connect to the wireless network. Ask a Library staff member for details.**
- 5. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment; users must keep their equipment with them at all times.**
- 6. In using this free Internet access, users agree and hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless, this Library, its officers and employees, and any affiliate, from any damage that may result from a patron's use of the Library's wireless access. While using this wireless access, users acknowledge that they are subject to, and agree to abide by all laws, and all rules and regulations of the local municipality, the State of Vermont and the federal government that is applicable to Internet use.**
- 7. At its sole discretion, the Library may terminate this public service at anytime without prior notice.**
- 8. Printing is not available via the wireless connection. Library staff can provide information about printing options.**
- 9. Any attempt to circumvent library procedures or any unauthorized attempt to access or manipulate library equipment may result in suspension of use of the Library's Wi-Fi network.**

### **Safe Child Policy: Unaccompanied Adults**

***The Children's areas within library facilities are reserved for use by children, their parents or caregivers, and adults using the children's collection.*** Adults unaccompanied by a child may enter the Children's Room to obtain books or other materials, but are requested to move to an adult reading/reference area once their selection has been made. Extended browsing by unaccompanied adults is not encouraged, and library staff may at their discretion request adult patrons to move to the library's adult reading/reference area.