

# Hartford City Public Library

## Internet Policy

1. Internet users must be **(13) years of age or older**, or be accompanied by a guardian, to use the internet on the main floor. Children ages 8 to 12 and unaccompanied by a parent may use the Early Literacy stations in the Children's Room, which do not have internet access.
2. Users are allowed a minimum of 30 minutes on the computers; after that time, users may be asked to log off so that another user can use a public computer.
3. Users are asked to refrain from inappropriate public Internet conduct.

Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use of the internet to send, receive, or display material that is sexually explicit or illegal.
  - Any use which damages or alters computer equipment, systems, or software.
  - Webcam use in public areas (private meeting rooms should be reserved).
4. Library staff have the sole authority for determining if patron behavior is inappropriate. Library staff have the authority to end an Internet session and/or revoke Internet use privileges if inappropriate behavior occurs.
  5. Black and white printing is available for a \$0.20 per page fee. Color printing, when made available in January 2024, will be \$0.25 per page.

**Disclaimer:** In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the library has installed filtering software designed to prevent access to material that may be harmful to minors. Users should be aware that filtering software may unintentionally block sites that have legitimate value or fail to block objectionable content. Filtering software is not a substitute for parental supervision. In accordance with the law, persons aged 18 or older may request to have the filters disabled.

**This policy was adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, by the Board of Trustees of the Hartford City Public Library.**