Parchment Community Library
Internet Policy

The Parchment Community Library provides public access to computers and the Internet in support of its mission.

Not all sources on the Internet offer timely or reliable information. The user is advised to question the validity of information obtained on the Internet. Also, the library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the use of its public use computers, its WWW server, or its connections to other Internet services through our service provider.

Materials brought up on any public access computer are considered on display for public viewing. The library has installed a "weighted" filter that excludes sexually oriented materials in order to comply with CIPA (the Child Internet Protection Act) and Michigan law PA 212. Users age 18 and older may choose unfiltered access, but all users must read and adhere to the following Rules for Computer Use. Violators will be required to terminate their computer session and may lose their Internet privileges, computer privileges, and/or their library privileges.

RULES FOR COMPUTER USE

1. Only one person may use a computer at a time, unless permission is granted by the Reference Librarian on duty.   Those not using a computer may not stand behind, or sit next to, those who are. Special work areas are available for two people who wish to work together, or persons with young children.

2. Patrons with a Parchment Community Library card in good standing may log into any available public Internet workstation using their library card number.

3. Library cardholders who have fines in excess of $2.00 may not borrow library materials nor log in to library computers. Such patrons may purchase a guest pass for $1.00, which will give them access to library computers for the day.
    The dollar will be used to reduce their library fine.

4. People without a Parchment Community Library card may obtain a guest pass at no charge after presenting a photo ID to the Reference Librarian on duty.

5. Be considerate of one another. Do not engage in lengthy or loud conversations with others in person or on a cell phone. Boisterous conduct or profane, obscene or injurious language, text or graphics will not be tolerated.

6. Log off and close all applications at the end of your session.

7. Internet stations and printers will be shut down 15 minutes before closing.

8. You must pay for all pages printed. If you have any questions about printing, please ask for assistance.

9. You must adhere to federal, state, and local laws governing the content, transmission,

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and dissemination of information.   In accordance with state and federal laws, the Library does not allow anyone using a computer on library premises to view matter that is obscene or material that is sexually explicit and harmful to minors, because a minor could view it. Persons who do not comply with this rule will lose their Internet privileges and may lose any or all other library privileges.

10. Children aged 17 and younger <u>must use a filtered Internet station</u>.   The filter attempts to block sexually explicit sites.   However, no filter is completely effective. Parents are urged to monitor their children's Internet use.

11. Logging in using another person's library card or guest pass may result in loss of computer privileges.

12. Library staff may increase or decrease the amount of allotted computer time as needed.

13. Hacking, attempts at hacking, configuration changes or attempts, and software modifications or attempts are prohibited and will result in the loss of library privileges.

14. Only software provided by the library may be used. Installation of software belonging to patrons is prohibited.

15. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

16. The librarian on duty cannot provide in-depth training concerning computer, software, or Internet use. Patrons who need additional assistance may schedule a one-hour individual training session once or twice a month as needed.

17. Patrons using the library equipment to access the Internet have the responsibility to use the equipment in a respectful and caring manner. Abuse or misuse of the Internet computer will result in loss of access privileges.

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