

COMPUTER USE & INTERNET ACCESS

The library has three computer areas:

Youth: This area is for children using the AWE computer and is for children in 5th grade and below. The computer is located in the children's area. Computer may be used for 30 minutes per day.

Parent: This area is for parents with children in attendance. The computer is located between the main computer area and the children's room.

Other: The other computers may be used by those aged 8 & up. The computers are located to the right of the circulation desk. Computers may be used for a maximum of two hours per day. Extensions may occasionally be granted by library staff to accommodate time-consuming tasks such as application for employment and tax preparation.

Public access computers do not require a password. Library users must sign in with library staff when using computers.

Wireless Internet Access for Patron-Owned Devices

Wireless internet access is available throughout the library for patrons using their own devices. The name of the wireless network is "Albany Public Library." No password is required. The security of user information transmitted over the wireless network cannot be guaranteed.

Responsibility for Internet Use by Minors

Although the use of the internet within the library by minors is permitted and encouraged, the library cannot guarantee that minors' internet use will be supervised. The library does not filter content on any of its computers. Parents & guardians should discuss safe and appropriate internet use with their children. Library staff members are happy to help parents find recommended guidelines to share with their children.

Prohibited Content

The library does not filter internet content on any of its computers. However, for the enjoyment of all library users, the display of certain content within the library is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the content appears on library-owned computers or patron-owned devices.

Prohibited content includes, but is not limited to:

- Pornography
- Sexualized nudity
- Depictions of graphic violence toward humans and/or animals
- Hate propaganda or speech
- Any materials that may be disturbing to others in the view of library staff

Users of both library-owned computers and patron-owned devices will be warned if library staff observe prohibited content. Users who fail to cease accessing prohibited content after staff warning or who do so on multiple occasions will face the loss of privileges as follows:

1st violation	Patron will be asked to leave the building for the day.
2nd violation	Patron will be barred from using the computers for 30 days.
3rd violation	Patron will be barred from using the computers for 1 year.