Internet Policy

All library patrons must present a valid library card to use the public computers, and, if requested, another ID, to ensure the identity and age of the patron. Patrons may not share cards, or give their card to someone else for use. **Adults will be allowed one session per day for two (2) hours. Students will receive one session per day for one (1) hour. Time limits will be enforced.**

The patron must not owe any money in fines or lost books. Extensions of the time limit are solely at the discretion of the staff. Patrons, particularly those playing games, may be asked to relinquish their computer time to accommodate a patron doing homework or other work.

It is up to the discretion of the library staff to seat a patron at the children’s computers or the adult computers, or at a certain seat. Only one person is permitted at each computer unit. Patrons are not allowed to switch between computers.

Absolutely no food or drink is permitted at or near the computers. All food and beverages must be kept in the Café area. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed anywhere on the property.

Patrons under 10 years old may not use the computers without a parent supervising the use. All children 10 and under CANNOT be left alone in the “Children’s Area” without supervision by an adult or caregiver. Computer use may be restricted if children are left unattended.

Parents or responsible guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Even though the public computers are filtered, no filtering software is 100% effective. Parents are advised that objectionable material could still be accessible. Parents should monitor their child’s Internet use in the Library. Chat Rooms are not a permissible use of the computers. The policy is that MySpace and Facebook will be blocked on all computers (system wide).

The Burlington County Library’s Youth Services web page provides links to many sites of interest to children. A pamphlet entitles “Child Safety on the Information Superhighway,” published by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, is available online from the Burlington County Library’s Youth Services web page.

Because the library is a public space, library staff has the authority to end an Internet sessions when material inappropriate to a library setting is displayed. The patron will be asked to leave the Library, and he or she will be barred from the library for 6 months. Documentation of this will be noted in his or her patron record.

Internet users should be aware that not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information.

The Library Company of Burlington reserves the right to suspend a patron’s Library privileges due to illegal or unethical use of the Internet or for any other violation of policy or guidelines, and also to modify the policy and/or guidelines at any time.