

Guernsey Memorial Library Internet Policy

The Library recognizes the importance of electronic information to the educational, recreational, and reference needs of the community. To meet this need, the library offers internet access to library patrons as a supplement to traditional print sources of information. Although the internet can be used for a variety of purposes, the library supports access only to those functions which are consistent with its mission.

Guernsey Memorial Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. We assume no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from our connection to the internet. We have no control over the availability of our network access or inability to connect to any site due to excessive traffic on the internet, or the availability of information links, which change frequently. The Library makes no guarantee, either expressed or implied, with respect to the quality or content of information available on the internet. Not all information available on the internet is accurate, current, or complete.

Users are encouraged to be good information consumers by evaluating the validity of information accessed via the internet. As with printed material, not all sources provide accurate, complete or current information. It is the responsibility of individual users to evaluate the validity of all information found. We do not condone, nor will we tolerate using library resources to break any law. Computer resources may be used only for legal purposes. Patrons accessing the internet must be aware that there are many services available which could be potentially offensive to some users. Guernsey Memorial Library and its employees cannot eliminate access to all such services, nor could they even begin to identify them. Thus, individual users must take responsibility for their own actions in navigating the internet.

The library cannot control or monitor the vast amount of material available from computers and networks via the internet, but it does monitor the sites you visit. It is the policy of Guernsey Memorial Library to use current technology for its computers with internet access in order to filter or block access to material that is obscene and/or child pornography.

- The Library affirms it is the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their minor children's library internet access.
 - Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to use the internet terminals.
 - Children between the ages of 12 and 18 may use the internet only with a signed parental permission slip (permission slip MUST be signed in the presence of an employee.)

Patrons must show a Four County library card or picture ID to be able to use the library internet or obtain wireless access.

- Access to the internet on library computers is on a first come, first served basis available at the circulation desk. Reserved time slots will be lost if the patron is not in the building and the previous patron finishes early.
- Wireless access may be obtained at the circulation desk for adults 18 and over during library hours only. All accounts are logged out at the end of the Library's business day.
- A printer for wired library internet computers is available at a rate set by the Board of Trustees.
- Library staff will assist patrons with internet use as time permits. Formal group instruction or information on the internet will be provided at intervals to be determined by the interest level of patrons at designated times.
- Telephone requests for the use of the internet as a reference tool follow the guidelines for all telephone reference transactions. If internet access is not available for answering a telephone request, the staff person will take the patron's question, a name and number to contact the patron at a later time. Staff will not ask an in-house patron to interrupt his or her searching on an internet workstation to answer a phone query.
- Downloading of files by patrons, onto diskette, is not permitted on library computers.

It is not acceptable to use the Guernsey Memorial Library's internet access to disrupt or interfere with other users, services or equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, spamming, cracking, and distribution of unsolicited advertising, chain letters, propagation of worms and viruses or any attempt to access or reconfigure the operating system. Use of the internet is intended for private non-commercial activities, and does not permit unauthorized sales and marketing of products and services. It is important to respect the legal protection that is provided by copyright and licenses, to programs and data.

Please refer to the Patron Internet Usage Policies for Internet access for specific procedures.

Please cut on line and give top to parent or guardian

Guernsey Memorial Library Internet Permission Slip for Children ages 12-17

I have read and received Guernsey Memorial Library's Internet Policy and give permission for my child:

_____ to use an internet access computer at Guernsey Memorial Library.
(child's name, please print legibly)

Child's Library Card Number: _____
(child must have a library card to be able to use the internet)

I understand the following:

- Guernsey Memorial Library assumes **NO** responsibility for the content of material on the internet.
- It is not possible for Guernsey Memorial Library to control specific information that your child may locate on the internet. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet ultimately rests with the parent or guardian.
- I am responsible for any hardware or software damage caused by my child in the course of using the library's equipment.
- Failure to use the computer appropriately and responsibly may result in the revocation of my child's computer privilege.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Child _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____