INTERNET AND COMPUTER POLICY

In accordance with the American Library Association Bill of Rights, the Charles City Public Library provides unrestricted access to the internet, including its wireless network.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE ELIGIBILITY

- o Computers are available to patrons with library cards in good standing.
- o For nonresidents, a guest privilege to use the computers will be granted by showing valid identification.
- o The library's wireless network is available to all library users who have their own wireless device.

By choosing to use the free internet and/or computers patrons agree to abide by the rules below. Those in violation of these rules risk losing their privileges and, in the case of illegal activity, risk prosecution.

- o Parents or guardians, not library staff, are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's internet sessions.
- o The internet is not managed or governed by any entity and, therefore, users may encounter materials that are inaccurate or that they consider offensive. Patrons are urged to respect the sensibilities of others when accessing content that may be reasonably offensive to others. If the content being viewed disturbs library users, the viewer will be asked to cease use and/or move to a more private device.
- o Privacy while using the internet cannot be guaranteed. Patrons handling financial transactions or other activities that require confidentiality do so at their own risk. The internet is not a private environment, and security of electronic communication cannot be guaranteed.
- o The library's computers are filtered in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act. The filter may be temporarily disabled in response to a patron's request. Twenty-four-hour notice may be required for this request to be fulfilled.
- o Use of the library's internet connection in an illegal, disruptive, or destructive manner will result in the loss of internet or library privileges.
- o Patrons shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:
    - Library patrons may not use the library's internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, or graphics of material that violates laws relating to child pornography.
    - Library patrons may not knowingly exhibit or display any material that is harmful to minors in its content or material that is obscene in any place of public accommodation where minors are or may be present, and where minors are able to view the material.
    - Library users are responsible for any consequences of copyright infringement through their use of library computers and the wireless network.

- o Unauthorized, illegal, or unethical activities are prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- o The use of the library's computers and wireless network is free; however, the library charges a nominal fee for printing.
- o Staff will attempt to provide general assistance to those using the library's computers and internet network. However, staff cannot provide extended one-on-one instruction for those on the computers or internet. Patrons looking for instruction in computer and internet use

are encouraged to ask staff about training opportunities either through the library or elsewhere in the community.

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WIRELESS USERS ONLY:

- ○ Owners are responsible for setting up their device to access the wireless network.
- ○ The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment brought into the building; owners must always keep their equipment with them.

LIBRARY WORKSTATIONS ONLY:

- ○ The library's computers offer 60-minute sessions. If no one is waiting to use a computer, users may be given the option to extend their current session.
- ○ Library computers are for use by one person only. Exceptions to this rule (as in the case of a person using a relative for assistance or students working on a project together) must be made at the discretion of library staff.
- ○ Patrons must not knowingly damage the library's computers or circumvent the security of the library's network.

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