

## **Computer & Internet Policy & Regulations**

The Hull Public Library provides public access to the Internet in keeping with its mission to foster a sense of community for Hull residents by connecting people and organizations, and supporting patrons whether they are inside the building or accessing resources remotely.

There are three public access Internet computers available for our patrons to use. Patrons can access public unsecured WiFi throughout the building from their own devices. Printing and scanning are also available for public use.

The Hull Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed online and is not responsible for its content. As with any other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or caretaker. Our public computers and WiFi are not filtered for content.

### **Time Limits & Reservations**

- In order to ensure equitable access for all users, computer use is limited to 45 minutes per user per day. Extra computer time may be requested if there are no other patrons waiting to use a computer.
- All Library computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be reserved in advance. Patrons are required to sign-in at the front desk to use a computer.
- All computers will be turned off 15 minutes before the library closes. All computer users must be ready to end their computer sessions 15 minutes before the library closes.

### **Printing, Scanning and Saving**

- Printed copies may be made on library paper only. The cost is \$.25 per page.
- Users may not save documents or personal files to the computers. Any files saved to the Library computers will be removed.
- Patrons can scan to any computer from the public printer/scanner.
- WiFi printing is available from any mobile device or laptop connected to the Hull Public Library WiFi.

### **Suspension of User Privileges**

- Library staff are authorized to terminate any user's session or revoke a user's computer privileges if a user fails to comply with this Policy and its Regulations. Illegal acts involving Library resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.
- A revocation of privileges may be reviewed upon written request to the Library Director.

### **Appropriate Use**

The library prohibits the transmission of any materials in violation of any federal or state regulation. This includes but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, pornographic material, or material protected by trade secret.

Patrons may not post, transmit, access, or display obscene and illegal material, as defined by [Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 31](#), and [U.S. Code Title 18](#). This includes sending, receiving, or displaying inappropriate materials, defined as text or graphics.

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