

# Computer and Internet Policy

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## Purpose

The Library supports the right to privacy and confidentiality of its patrons and maintains no records of what individual patrons view. The content of the internet is not filtered, and patrons may encounter materials they consider offensive. The Van Meter Public Library assumes no responsibility for damages of any type arising from the use of the computer workstations.

## Access

- Library staff may limit materially offensive images displayed on screens visible to other library users, in order to maintain the comfort and security of the library and other patrons.
- Users are responsible for ensuring that their computer use complies with all applicable licensing agreements and laws. Users are not allowed to access or download anything that violates federal, state, or local law.
- Users may not download any software or modify software or settings on library computers. The library is not responsible for any damages to personal equipment resulting from unauthorized software or settings.
- As with library materials, parents are solely responsible for monitoring, limiting, and supervising their child's internet use at the library. The library will not enforce parental restrictions on internet use.
- There is a 45-minute time limit for the public internet computers when others are waiting.
- Library computers must be muted unless headphones are in use. Other library users should not be able to hear sound from the computer or the headphones.

Misuse of computers or refusal to adhere to library policy may result in a loss of computer, internet, and/or library privileges.

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