



## INTERNET ACCESS AND COMPUTER USE POLICY

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As part of its mission to “encourage learning, stimulate curiosity and... share ideas,” the Converse Free Library makes wireless Internet service available, inside and out, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It also provides computers for the public’s use. The following guidelines enable the Library to continue to fulfill its mission to the community. The Library’s trustees and staff appreciate the cooperation of library users.

The Internet is an unsupervised library resource. The Converse Free Library cannot guarantee the accuracy and/or authenticity of information discovered through this resource. Library users who find information or subject matter that is erroneous, out-of-date, illegal, offensive, and/or controversial should contact the original producer or distributor of that work directly. This policy addresses issues regarding the use of the library’s Internet access, its computers, and other digital devices (including but not limited to computers, tablets, digital storage devices, scanners, and printers). The Library’s Board of Trustees may amend or rescind any part of this policy at any time.

### **Expectations**

The Converse Free Library makes every effort to comply with the United States Copyright Law, and all other federal, state, and local laws relating to the use of the Internet and other digital media. The Library expects users of its computers and related devices to do so responsibly, ethically and legally. Library users should not perform any action that causes a disturbance for other library patrons, whether through action or speech.

Violation of the expectations and/or rules of this policy will result in loss of computer and/or Internet privileges. The Library Director will make and enforce these judgments. In the absence of the Library Director, the Assistant Director may make these judgments.

Users will be held financially responsible for malicious damage done to the library’s hardware or software.

## **Administrative Rules**

Permanent software downloads to the library computers are determined by library staff members, who are authorized to make such changes. Library users are encouraged to suggest useful software to be permanently added to the public desktop computers.

Use of the Library's public computers will be limited to 30 minutes if someone is waiting. The time limit begins when a person makes it known that they are waiting.

There is a \$0.15/page fee for using the library's black and white printer and a \$0.25/page fee for using the color printer. Lyme School students may print up to 20 pages free per day for schoolwork.

## **Disclaimers**

### **1. Use of Internet**

The library does not use filtering software. The library cannot be held responsible for the content found on the Internet or its use.

The Library's wireless network is not secure, and the Library cannot guarantee the safety of your traffic across its wireless network. The Library assumes no responsibility for the configurations, security or files on your device resulting from connection to the Library's network. Information sent to or from your device can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and appropriate software.

The Library cannot be liable for changes made or damage done to patron computers or related digital devices.

### **2. Patrons under 18**

The library will not serve *in loco parentis* - meaning it will not take on the responsibility of a parent or guardian regarding the actions or decisions of a minor - but does reserve the right to limit children's access to its computers and related devices based on violation of this policy. Parents are urged to supervise their children's use of the Internet. Information to help parents counsel their children is available at the library and at the school.