

Jemez Springs Public Library Internet Access Policy

The Internet is a tool shared by library users for gathering information. The library has developed the following guidelines to promote equitable and safe access.

There are four access methods to internet service at the library addressed herein: filtered WiFi, unfiltered WiFi, filtered PAC (Public Access Computer), and unfiltered PAC.

Filtered WiFi:

-) Filtered WiFi will be available to all library visitors with no password protection.
-) The CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliant filtering system is provided by New Mexico State Library as a cloud-based service via Meraki and thus is identical to the filtering used in other libraries throughout the state.

Unfiltered WiFi:

-) Unfiltered Wifi is password protected and may be accessed by adults (age 17 and over as specified by CIPA). The password will be provided to adults upon request at the library.* A younger student needing unfiltered WiFi service must work with an adult guardian, who would be given the access.

Public Access Computers:

-) PACs are available on a first come, first serve basis to adult visitors to the library. Thirty minutes is allowed, with additional time when available/allowed by all other circumstances.
-) Children must have parental permission to use PACs in the library. Permission is granted or denied via the child's library account at the time of application, signed by a parent/guardian in the presence of a librarian at the time of application. Permission may be changed by the child on reaching the age of 17, or by the parent/guardian in person at the library.
-) PACs are filtered by default with CIPA compliant filters.
-) Adult patrons may request unfiltered internet PAC service via a librarian.*
-) A younger student needing unfiltered PAC service must work with an adult guardian, who would be given the access.
-) The computers are configured so that nothing can be saved to the hard drive. Patrons are responsible for saving their own work to cloud-based or usb-device storage, or via email.
-) Internet access is free; printing is 10 cents per page black & white, 50 cents per page color.

Library staff and volunteers will provide assistance within the limits of their time and knowledge.

Because Internet contents are not controlled or regulated, the library is not responsible for monitoring or validating information obtained from the Internet.

The library is not responsible for any inadvertent exposure of minors or adults to potentially offensive materials on library connections. The library is not responsible for what a minor or adult may access on the internet. While the library does have filters in place and will attempt to prevent children from accessing the internet without a parental permission, the library assumes no responsibility for a minor's unauthorized access to the internet. Internet access is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Misuse or abuse of library resources may result in loss of Internet and/or library privileges.

* **Unfiltered access will be provided upon request by adults for research or any other lawful purpose.** Users are expected to show courtesy to other patrons and respect for individual privacy.

Jemez Springs Public Library reserves the right to adjust these guidelines at any time.

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