

The Gloversville Public Library provides patrons with access to computers and the Internet as part of its ongoing commitment to make information available in a variety of formats and from a variety of sources. Computers are available for use by cardholders and visitors alike. Patrons who do not have a Library card can request a guest pass to access the computers.

The Library's computers on the Main Level are available to adults and children ages 5+. All patrons may use the computers for 90-minutes each day. Adults 18+ may request additional 30-minute extensions on an as-needed basis, if no other patrons are waiting to use the computers. Children ages 5-7 must be accompanied by a caregiver (age 18 and up) when using these computers (extensions may be granted in conjunction with caregiver computer use). Children ages 8-17 do not need to be accompanied by a caregiver when using these computers (extensions of any length will not be permitted 9 AM-4 PM daily, except in extreme circumstances, with that decision being made by the Library Director or the staff member in charge at the time of the request).

The computer in the Youth Services (Lower Level) main area is available to patrons ages 5-17 (Patrons ages 18 and up may use this computer only if supervising children in the main area of Youth Services or if the Main Level computers are out of order. Ages 5-7 must be accompanied by a caregiver (age 18 and up) when using this computer. Use of this computer will be limited to 90 minutes per day, per individual. 30-minute extensions to this limit may be provided on a case-by-case basis if no other patrons are waiting.

The computers in the Early Literacy Center (located within Youth Services) are solely for educational and learning games, and are available for children ages birth-10 only, who are accompanied by a caregiver (age 18 and up). Use of this computer will be limited to 90 minutes per day, per individual. 30-minute extensions to this limit may be provided on a case-by-case basis if no other patrons are waiting.

Parents and guardians are responsible for sites their children and teens access. The Library staff cannot and does not act *in loco parentis*. Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to participate in their child's and/or teen's learning by helping them select appropriate materials.

Users may not modify Library hardware, delete or modify Library software nor install software on Library computers. Only the CD and USB drives may be used for accessing and saving personal files.

The Library cannot control the information available through the Internet and does not accept responsibility for its quality, accuracy, or timeliness. Library computers do not have filters. Internet users who release personal information do so at their own risk. Anything accessed or entered on the Library's computers is not secure and may be accessible to others.

The Library is a public space that is shared by patrons of all ages. The Library's computers, peripheral equipment, and other electronic and/or media devices may not be used for illegal, harmful, or damaging purposes; may not be used to access potentially offensive information or images, and must be used in compliance with this policy.

A patron's Internet privileges will be suspended or revoked if, in the opinion of the Library Director, use and/or behavior at the Internet workstations is not in accordance with this policy. Illegal acts involving the Library's Internet connection may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. Users will be held responsible for their actions using the Internet.

The Library also provides wireless access to anyone having a device with wireless capability. Wireless users are bound by the same usage guidelines as patrons using the Library's equipment.

Printing on the Main Level is 10¢/page for black and white pages, and 25¢/page for color. Children and teens printing in Youth Services, will receive 3 free pages per visit for homework-related printing. Any additional printing will cost 10¢/page for black and white pages, and 25¢/page for color. Patrons are responsible for the cost of pages printed, even if printed in error.

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