

Montana State Library Guideline

Public Access Computer Use Guidelines

The Montana State Library strives to fulfill patron information needs. These computers provide access to resources in our library's print, digital collections and beyond.

- There is a maximum use of 60 minutes per day to meet the needs of all persons wishing to use these computers:
- Computers will time out when your session ends. You will lose your information unless you save it to an external storage device.
- Audio output must be silent or directed to your head phones or head phones borrowed from the circulation desk.
- The public computers are shared by users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Be considerate when accessing potentially controversial information and images.
- The computers may not be used for any illegal activity. Persons doing so are subject to prosecution. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Accessing obscene materials or child pornography.
 - Violating copyright law or software licensing agreements.
 - Accessing restricted or secured computer systems.
 - Disrupting computer/network services.
 - Adding, deleting, altering or installing hardware or software.
- Report any equipment that requires attention, service, or repair to the MSL staff.
- Library staff offers only minimal Internet and software support.
- Violations of these policies may result in the loss of computer and/or library privileges.

WARNING: Under section 215 of the federal USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56), records of the books and other materials you borrow from this library may be obtained by federal agents. Federal law prohibits librarians from informing you if records about you have been obtained by federal agents. Questions about the law and policy that allows federal agents to obtain and use information about your activities in this library should be directed to: U.S. Attorney General, Dept. of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.