Douglas Public Library Computer & Internet Use Policy

The Simon Fairfield Public Library aims to provide free and open access to as many informational resources as we possibly can. As part of that aim, we provide computers for public use and Internet access—a tool so ubiquitous that it is an integral public service. Though we provide access, we do not control, endorse, filter, or monitor the information on the Internet for content or accuracy. The individual user is responsible for judging of the appropriateness and value of information accessed online. In the case of minors, this responsibility belongs to the parents/guardians.

Though we strive to provide free and open access, consideration must be made for the fact that the library is a public space where individual privacy is respected. In consideration, you agree to the following policies upon making use of our computers or wifi network. Infraction of these policies can result in a loss of computer or library privileges depending on severity, appealable before the library director or the board of trustees:

A) In order to protect personal information and privacy, patrons must log out after each session on our public access computers. The library does not accept liability for damages done due to negligence of this procedure.
B) Installing or removing software on library computers is not allowed (please see staff to ask for additional programs).
C) Changing user settings such as display, power options, wallpaper, etc. is not allowed.
D) Viewing sexually explicit or lewd materials is not allowed.
E) Harassment of other individuals (either on-site or remotely) is not allowed.
F) Destroying or damaging equipment or data is not allowed.
G) Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material is not allowed.
H) Violation of software license agreements is not allowed.
I) Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network identification assigned to others is not allowed.
J) Any unethical or illegal use that is not in compliance with local, state, and federal laws is not allowed.

We highly recommend never giving your personal information on the internet, remembering that people you meet online may not be who they say they are, never arranging to meet someone you meet online face-to-face, and remembering that not everything you read online may be true.

Library staff can provide general guidance on use of the computers and the Internet, but does not perform tasks on behalf of patrons. Library staff typically cannot advise on problems with specific websites, e-mail accounts, or other applications other than suggesting sources for instruction.

Library staff reserves the right to limit the computer use of individual patrons when demand exceeds our available resources.