

PUBLIC INTERNET USE

Purpose: Fairness of access to patrons
Upholding citizens' rights
Intellectual freedom

POLICY:

The Library & Cultural Arts department offers public access computers at all of its facilities. Internet access and a variety of software applications are made available on these computers.

- All patrons must have signed a Carlsbad City Library Internet & Computer User Agreement, and have a library account in good standing in order to use a public internet computer.
- Children (under the age of 18) must have parental consent to use a public internet computer.
- Visitors may use the internet computers for two weeks with a user agreement on file.

Internet access on public internet computers is unfiltered. Illegal activities are not permitted. Prohibited or suspicious activities will be investigated and information collected in the course of an investigation will be handled confidentially. The computer privileges of patrons engaged in activities contrary to the library's computer use policies may be suspended for one year.

Additional guidelines and restrictions for use of the computers are outlined on the L&CA's webpage. Some computers are specifically designated for particular applications or user groups.

Policies and procedures related to public internet computers are regularly reviewed and updated due to changing legislation and court challenges related to internet access.

***Policy Reviewed and Approved Without Change by the Library Board of Trustees
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Procedure:

For procedures see the L&CA's public services divisions' procedures manual.