

Stewartville Public Library

Internet & Cell Phone Policies

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- The Internet is available to all library patrons. Children must be 17 years of age or older to use the Internet without a parent or guardian on the premises. Children 17 or under must have a parent/guardian be with them or have their parent/guardian sign a permission slip to allow them to use the Internet when the parent/guardian is not in the library.
- Any printing from the Internet comes to the printer at the front desk and the patron pays ten cents per page.
- Cell phones are not to be used in the library. Patrons are to turn off the ringer on their phone before entering the library. If a patron needs to use the phone to make a call, they can go to the outer lobby of the library to place their call.

Stewartville Public Library – Internet Policy

The goal of Stewartville Public Library is to ensure that the patrons of this library have the rights and means to free access of ideas and information, which are fundamental to democracy. Stewartville Public Library will protect intellectual freedom, encourage lifelong learning, and provide library materials and information services.

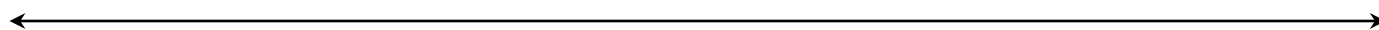
The Internet as an information resource enables the library to provide information beyond the confines of its collections. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe. Currently, however, it is an unregulated medium. As such, while it offers a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, and /or illegal. **Patrons must accept responsibility for determining content and suitability.**

Child Internet Protection Act: CIPA

The Library uses filtering software to block access to some Internet sites. Since no filtering system is completely effective or efficient, further restriction of a minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Adults (age 18 or older) may bypass the filter by requesting that a Library staff member override the filter. A picture ID may be requested to show proof of age. Users may not use Internet sessions in a manner, which is deliberately offensive or creates a hostile or intimidating environment.

«Rules for Internet Use:»

- Minor children age 17 and under are not allowed to access the Internet unless a parent or legal guardian is present with them in the library or a parental permission slip has been signed. **Parents of minor children age 17 and under will be required to fill out a form regarding their child using the Internet. See Library Staff for information.**
- Internet computers are not to be used for illegal activity or to access illegal materials that by local community standards would be obscene or pornographic.
- To preserve their own safety, users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet.
- **Internet sessions are limited to 30 minutes per day.** Users must end their session and leave the computer when asked to do so by the library staff.
- Installation, downloading, or modification of software is prohibited.
- Users will obey the copyright laws and licensing agreements. **See copyright usage statement next to the computer.**
- By mutual agreement, two persons may share one Internet session as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users or Library Staff.
- Users who incur charges for printing must pay for that usage before leaving the library.
- The Library Staff is authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the library's Internet Rules. Any user who will not comply with the above written rules may be prohibited from using the Internet for 30 days.



Warning to the Internet User: Please be aware that Stewartville Public Library is a public place. Displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures may be a violation of the State and Federal obscenity laws (Minnesota Statutes, Section 617.243,617.25).