

**BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE AGREEMENT**

Bell Memorial Public Library (BMPL) has the right to set and enforce policies concerning the use of the public computers and of the Internet.

Children who are over 8 years of age may use the public computers unattended for periods of up to one hour, provided they are able to run the programs without help from the staff.

Children under 8 years of age must have an adult beside them at all times.

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to determine whether or not to place restrictions on their own children, 8 years and under, in the use of the Internet.

Computer users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files, or other resources obtained via the Internet.

BMPL cannot control the information resources on the Internet. It is impossible to prevent access to resources that may be inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or potentially objectionable to some people.

BMPL does abide by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires filtering on all computers in the library. (see Internet Filtering Policy)

Patrons found ignoring the policies or abusing the system may be banned from the use of the library's computers for up to six months.

All registered and non-registered patrons will be given the opportunity to read this policy and acknowledge their understanding of these rules and regulations.

All computer and Internet users must have read and acknowledged BMPL's policy by signing below. A signed copy of this policy will be kept on file for each computer user.

Bell Memorial Public Library computers are available to the public as a privilege. Misuse of library hardware or software may result in loss of library privileges, legal action, or both.

Technology users may not conduct unlawful activities using the Internet on library computers or on personal devices.

Technology users may not attempt unauthorized access (including hacking) to any computer system or network, whether local or remote.

Library hard drives are for storage of library software and information only. All information saved by users will be deleted daily.

Virus warnings must be reported to staff immediately.

Patrons are responsible for any damage occurring to library hardware or software due to inappropriate actions while using the computers. Fees will be assessed and charged to the patron for required repairs or replacement.

The library is not responsible for damage to patron data when using library computers.
Technology users shall not create, transmit, access, upload, download, print or otherwise distribute or receive materials that are threatening, obscene, racist, or contain sexually explicit language and/or images.

Technology users shall not use the BMPL connection to the Internet to violate any local, state, or federal statutes.

Technology users shall not vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another computer user, library patron, or organization.

Technology users shall not access another individual or organization's private files, material or information without permission.

Technology users shall not extort, threaten, harass, or otherwise disturb others in the library. Such action may result in forfeiture of computer usage, prosecution, or both.

BMPL assumes no liability for inappropriate acts conducted on the Internet by any user.

Technology Usage Policy and any addenda adopted by the Board of Trustees of Bell Memorial Public Library.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

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