Piedmont Valley Library Computer and Internet Use Policy
Effective March 23rd, 2020

Computer Availability: The Piedmont Valley Library provides access to a broad range of information resources including those available through the internet. The library makes this service available as part of its mission to provide free and open access to information of all types in a wide range of formats for library users of all ages and backgrounds. At times, computer equipment malfunctions or internet service interruptions may make computer service unavailable.

Rights: The Piedmont Valley Library upholds the rights of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources, whether they are in print or on the internet.

Internet Content: The Piedmont Valley Library does not filter the content of the internet, and therefore cannot control the information available over the internet. Patrons should be aware that internet content can be inaccurate, incomplete or dated and the Piedmont Valley Library is not responsible for internet content accessed through the library computers.

Privacy: The Piedmont Valley Library cannot guarantee privacy for patrons using electronic resources. There exists the possibility of inadvertent viewing by other patrons or staff, especially when staff is requested to assist at the computer stations. The library will not release information on the use of specific internet resources by members of the public except as required by law.

Administrative Access Security: On a quarterly basis, the chief administrator/Librarian shall review all active user logins to ensure that Users that are no longer associated with the Piedmont Valley Library have been inactivated.

Computer Use:
1) Patrons are asked to sign their first name for a 30-minute time period, which may be renewed if no one is waiting for a computer.
2) In order to use library computers, patrons under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian come in the library to sign the Computer Permission Form for Minors.
3) A nominal fee will be charged for printing.
4) Patrons shall not change any computer settings or install programs on library computers.
5) Food and drink are not allowed at the computer stations.

6) Patrons may access social media sites such as email, Facebook, etc., and may access online gaming sites as long as they are not disturbing others in the library.
7) Internet users shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, child pornography, "harmful to minors" or otherwise sites that are inappropriate. In addition, internet users shall not use any resources that engage in "hacking" or attempt to compromise system security.

Denial of Privileges: Patrons who disturb the staff or other patrons, who violate any of the above policies, or damage library computers or software may be denied access to the computers for a length of time to be determined by the librarian. Denied patrons have the right to appeal to the Library Board of Trustees.

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Piedmont Valley Library Board of Trustees

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Phyllis Stevens, Chair