Berne Public Library Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Berne Public Library (BPL) has computers available for public use.

The BPL assumes no responsibility for the accuracy, currency, appropriateness, or completeness of content retrieved from the Internet. Users must exercise their own judgment in making use of unqualified information obtained from the Internet and in developing effective search strategies to obtain the desired result.

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the BPL filters internet access, but responsibility for what a minor does, uses, or accesses ultimately rests with the parent or guardian. BPL needs to have on file a Parental Permission Form for Internet Use for minor children (under 18) signed by the parent or guardian.

1. Any misuse of the computers may result in loss of library privileges, legal action, or both. If library personnel observe unacceptable usage, language, or behavior, computer privileges will be suspended.
    a. A computer user shall not knowingly access, distribute, or receive materials that are pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit in nature or language.
    b. A computer user shall abide by all copyright laws as applicable.
    c. No one shall use the BPL connection to the Internet to violate any local, state or federal statute.
    d. No computer user shall access another individual or organization's private files, materials, or information without permission.
    e. Any physical abuse of the equipment will be grounds for suspension of privileges.
    f. Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy may be cause for suspension of computer privileges.

2. All users must sign-in on the sheet provided.

3. Computer use is limited to 60 minutes per day. Additional time can be arranged for persons working on special projects, resumes, on-line exams, etc. as situations permit.

4. The Children's Room computers are for the use of children **5th grade and under** and/or parents with children in the room unless special permission is given by the library staff for other adults to use the computers. Students **6th grade and above** may use the Adult public access computers.

5. The computer's hard drives are for the storage of library software and information, and information saved by patrons is deleted daily. Users must download onto their own storage device or media. Users should be aware that anything downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus. The Library is not responsible for any virus resulting from use of library equipment.

6. Printing may be done at the posted charge per page. Check with the library staff for all printing.

7. The BPL staff cannot provide in-depth training for Internet and application software, nor personal computer usage, but will assist patrons with minor issues as staff availability allows.

8. This policy applies to anyone using the Internet via the library's wireless or wired connection.

9. Cyber-bullying is not tolerated and will result in immediate loss of Internet privileges for an amount of time to be determined by the Library Director, Board of Trustees, or both.

10. In order to use the library's laptop computers, a valid driver's license or other government-issued photo id must be turned in at the desk.

Parental Permission Form for Internet Use

As the parent or legal guardian of _____
I grant permission for my minor child (under 18) to use the Berne Public Library internet service. I have read the library's computer policy and discussed it with my child. Knowing that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, I accept full responsibility for the guidance of my child's internet use.

I further accept responsibility for and hold the Berne Public Library harmless from any damages caused by my child's use of the internet, whether such damage is to hardware/software, or by virtue of a claim by any party alleged to have been damaged from any material or comment posted by my child on the internet.

Grade in school_____

Printed Name of Minor_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian_____

Date_____Telephone Number_____

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