

Berne Public Library

Internet Policy

In offering internet access, the Berne Public Library takes responsibility only for the information provided on our home page. The Library does not monitor or have control over the information that can be accessed over the Internet. The Library is not responsible for its content, or for the confidentiality or illegal use by the customer.

Although the Internet offers access to many valuable local, national, and international sources of information, not all sources are accurate, complete, current, or appropriate for all users. In keeping with the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights", it is the policy of the Library not to limit access to any resource by any segment of the community. The Berne Public Library does not use filtering software.

Conditions of Library Computer and/or Internet Use

1. In accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, patrons are not permitted to access the Internet in the Library for any illegal or criminal purpose, including but not limited to:
 - Unauthorized or illegal copying of copyright-protected material.
 - Displaying explicit sexual material.
 - Hacking and similar activities.
 - Violating the computer or network security system.
 - Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes or network identification numbers.
 - Violating software license agreements.
 - Harassment or stalking.
2. In an effort to fairly distribute access to all, users may encounter limitations or turns and/or time restrictions.
3. As with any Library resource, parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children's use of the Internet. Any restriction of a minor child's access is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, not the library staff. To ensure that parents/guardians are aware of this responsibility, parents/guardians of minors under the age of 18 must sign the "Internet Use at the Berne Public Library" form before the minor may use a library computer.
4. Users are responsible for all printing fees.

Consequences of Violations

1. Any verified complaint regarding a violation of the above conditions may result in a shutdown of the computer station, the suspension of computer privileges, and/or referral to appropriate authorities.
2. Any unpaid printing fees will be charged to the patron's library card.