Abington Public Library
Children's Internet & Library Owned Computer/Tablet Use Policy

The Abington Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. It is within this context that the Abington Public Library offers access to the Internet and the use of computers and tablets.

The Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for content or quality. As with other Library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, not the Library staff. It is the policy of the Abington Public Library to use filtering software only on the Internet Workstation in Children's Room. Filtering Software is not a substitute for careful parental supervision. Children may also use the unfiltered Internet workstations in the adult reference area.

- Primary users of the Children's Internet Workstations and tablets are children.
- These resources are available on a first-come first-served basis and may not be reserved in advance.
- Users agree to limit their time to 30 minutes in one session per day. These 30 minutes may be used on either a computer or a tablet. The library staff will strictly enforce time limits.
- If a child is less than 5 years old, a parent/caregiver is required to directly supervise the child's computer or tablet usage. This means that the parent/caregiver is required to sit with the child for the child's entire computer or tablet use period.
- Users of the Children's Internet Workstation over the age of 14 must be accompanied by a child who is using the resources of the Children's Room. Children's Room resources include books, computers, tablets and toys.
- Tablets are preloaded with a selection of apps determined by the Children's Librarian for the use of toddlers to 5th grade. Users of tablets must be either a child in this age range or a child plus an accompanying caregiver.
- To measure the use of the workstations, and to encourage careful usage, Internet and tablet users must sign in before using these resources. Full names are required. Sign in at the Children's Desk.
- Email, chat groups and social networking sites are expressly forbidden on the Children's Internet Workstation and tablets.
- Computer and tablet users must respect the privacy of library patrons around them. Disruptive behavior, or behavior which is disturbing to other library patrons will be dealt with according to the Abington Public Library's **Code of Conduct.**
- All of the Library computer terminals and tablets are located in open areas of the building and sites accessed must be limited to those appropriate for viewing in a public space. All computer and tablet privileges will be revoked for those who do not comply.
- Patrons are advised that they have no expectations of privacy in Library computers and tablets, and, therefore any information or data stored on Library computers and tablets may be accessed. (see **Abington Public Library Privacy Policy**).

- Any intentional attempt to add or alter files on a Library computer or tablet is considered destruction of property and will be subject to prosecution under Massachusetts law(M.G.L.Chapter 266, Sections 99 and 100). Users agree not to tamper with the tablet settings, attempt to load additional apps or attach any equipment not designated for use with the tablet by the library.
- Unauthorized shut down of the computers and tablets is prohibited.
- Printing from the Internet and computers is 10 cents a page on Library paper only. Payment should be made at the Circulation desk.
- Computers will automatically shut down starting 15 minutes before the closing of the Library. Users must be ready to end their computer session at that time.
- Tablets will be taken out of use for the day starting 15 minutes before the closing of the Library. Users must be ready to end their tablet session at that time.