Hickory Public Library Internet Use Policy

1. All users of the Library's computers and networks are expected to follow rules and regulations as set forth in the Library's Disruptive Behavior Policy.
2. All users must abide by the rules as set forth in the Hickory Public Library Internet Use Policy. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians or caregivers to determine what is appropriate for their own children.
3. The time for each session on public access computers is limited to allow all patrons access to computer resources. Sessions may be extended by library staff if no other patrons are waiting.
4. Transmission, reception, or display of any material or communications in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited, including but not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected as trade secrets.
5. Display of obscene or sexually explicit material is prohibited. In cases of violations by a minor, the responsible parent or legal guardian identified in the minor's library account will be notified.
6. Unauthorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data is prohibited. Violation of U.S. copyright law can leave the user liable to civil damages and criminal penalties.
7. Applications or programs may only be installed on public access computers by library staff.
8. Materials downloaded from the Internet may contain computer viruses. Hickory Public Library is not responsible for damage to any user's disk or computer, or any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's computers or networks.
9. Malicious tampering with computer hardware or software is prohibited.
10. The Library's public access computers and wireless networks will shut down fifteen minutes before the library closes to the public each day.

Failure to comply with this Internet Use Policy, or misuse of the Library's networks or computers, including patrons' personal laptops or other mobile devices connected to the City of Hickory's Wi-Fi network, may result in the loss of computer access privileges, potential loss of library privileges, and possible criminal prosecution.

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