

Public Library of Brookline Computer Use Policy

The Library provides computer and internet access to all patrons, regardless of Brookline residency or whether they hold active accounts with the Minuteman Library Network. At our three locations, desktop computers are available for one-hour sessions and do not require a barcode login or password. In several locations where computers are specifically set aside for use by patrons under the age of 18, library cards are required for access to verify patron age. Active cardholders in good standing may also check out laptops for in-library use; these provide three-hour sessions and may be renewed twice in one day.

Library patrons may use the public printing options provided by the Library without page limits.

Patron Privacy: The Public Library of Brookline values patron privacy and takes steps to ensure that our systems are secure from outside interference. We do not monitor, record, or otherwise store data about patron use except as required by law. Computers and printers purge patron data after use. Although we make every effort to provide a secure public computer environment, we strongly suggest that care be taken when viewing, working with, or printing personally identifiable information or other sensitive data (e.g. bank accounts, financial statements, tax returns, medical forms, etc.). While we are privacy advocates committed to protecting patron data, the Library cannot guarantee a completely risk-free computing or printing environment.

Restrictions: You may not use the Library's computers or internet access for illegal or abusive purposes, including, but not limited to:

- Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials in any form
- Transmission or display of threatening, obscene, or harassing materials
- Transmission of computer viruses
- Unauthorized access to Library and Town of Brookline computer systems
- Software installation or intentional changes to software configuration on any library computer
- Attempts to determine how other patrons have used a computer

Reliability of Information: The Library assumes no liability for inaccurate or out-of-date information on the internet. However, the librarians on our staff are trained professionals who have learned how to help others evaluate the validity and reliability of information; they can provide these services upon request.

In addition, patrons must agree to adhere to the Acceptable Use Policies of the Library's Internet Service Provider (ISP), RCN ; the Minuteman Library Network (MLN), and of MLN's ISP, Comcast.

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