

Access to the Internet

- Public computers with internet access and wireless internet (WiFi) are available at all Suffolk Public Library locations.
- Library customers may use a valid Suffolk Public Library card to make a computer reservation.
- Guest passes are available to those without a Suffolk Public Library card.
- The Library has no control over and will not be accountable for the accuracy, currency, or content of the information and graphics accessed through the Internet or computer programs.
- As required by Virginia State law, all public Internet computers will filter or block access to child pornography (Section 18.2-374.1:1), obscenity (Section 18.2-372), and with respect to minors, any materials deemed harmful to juveniles (Section 18.2-390).
- The Library is not responsible for any replacement and/or damage to a patron's disk, storage device, computer, and/or data.

Public Computer Use

- Library customers may use the public computers and/or wireless internet during business hours. Public computers may shut down 15 minutes prior to the library closing. There is no limit on public computer usage.
- Public computers are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Use of unauthorized software on Library computers is prohibited.
- The Library is not responsible for damaged personal computer media or equipment.

Printing & Copying

- Printouts and copies are 20 cents per page (black and white) or 40 cents per page (color).

Staff Assistance

- The staff may provide limited assistance with technology as knowledge and time allow.

Illegal Usage

It is prohibited for library employees or patrons to use the Library's computer for illegal or illicit purposes. Child pornography, obscenity, and, with respect to minors, any materials deemed harmful to juveniles are also prohibited on the library's computers.

Internet use must not violate federal, state, or local laws or statutes including, but not limited to the following:

- Code of the City of Suffolk, Virginia Section 50-3
- Code of Virginia Title 18.2 Article 5 regarding obscenity and related offenses.
- Code of Virginia Title 18.2 Article 6 regarding Juveniles
- Credit Card Fraud Act of 1984 • Credit Card Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986
- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) of 2000
- The Computer Fraud and Abuse act of 1986
- The Electronic Communications Privacy Act
- The United States Copyright Act
- The Virginia Computer Crimes Act
- USC Title 18 Chapter 71 Sections 1465 – 1468 regarding distribution of obscene materials
- USC Title 18 Chapter 110 regarding the Sexual Exploitation and Other Abuse of Children

Library Staff will assess each situation and consequences may include calling the authorities, having computer privileges suspended, and being asked to leave the library premises.