Public Use of Library Computer Stations Policy

Purpose
Public-use computer stations are located throughout the library to provide convenient access to the library's catalog and to Internet computers.

Filtering
All public computer stations and network connections (including wireless) in the library are filtered. Filters are software programs that block access to material that may be considered offensive. Broomfield Ordinance 9-16-070 - Publicly displaying obscene material prohibited.

No filter is 100 percent effective. Parents or legal guardians of minors must assume responsibility for their children's use of the computers.

Internet Disclaimer
The Internet may contain inaccurate material or material of a controversial nature. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. The library is not responsible for any loss incurred by a user of the library’s computers.

Instruction
Library staff can provide limited instruction in basic computer use and start-up procedures, use of the library catalog, databases and the Internet. Please inquire at the Second Floor Information Desk or Children’s Desk for more information.

Time Limits
Patrons can use the public computer stations for two-hour session with the possibility of extending their time in 30 minute increments. This is only possible when there are open computers.

Printing
The cost per page is 10 cents for black & white copies and 50 cents for color copies. Patrons with a Broomfield library card can print up to 50 cents value for free.
Unauthorized Use
Illegal activities or any other activities intended to disrupt the network services or equipment are prohibited. Unauthorized use includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Disrupting or causing damage to library programs, data or equipment
- Disassembling computers or disconnecting network or power cables from computer or wall
- Unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications
- Unauthorized entering of other machines accessible via the library’s networks
- Intentionally propagating computer worms, viruses or other malicious software
- Interfering with another patron’s privacy or use of a library terminal
- Fraudulently obtaining access to Internet sites including falsification of age, and unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes or network identification numbers
- Distributing unsolicited advertising or spam
- Violating software licensing agreements and/or copyright laws

Unauthorized access of a computer, computer network, computer system or any part thereof, or exceeding authorized access to a computer, computer network, computer system or any part thereof, is a crime under Colorado law (Colorado Revised Statutes, Sec. 18-5.5-102).

Unauthorized use may result in the loss of library privileges. Violators may also be subject to criminal prosecution or other legal action.