

Kiwanis Computer Center Guidelines

HOURS

The Kiwanis Computer Center is open Monday to Wednesday 9:30 am to 8:10 pm and Thursday & Saturday 9:30 am to 4:40 pm. Note: Computers will shut down 20 minutes prior to Library Closing.

FEES AND REQUIREMENTS

If you print it is \$.15 per page for black & white and \$.25 per page for color.

All users must have a public library card with a 14 digit barcode. Meriden Residents, who do not have a card with a 14 digit barcode, please see Information Desk to get a guest pass or Circulation to purchase a new card for \$1. Non-Residents may use their library cards from their hometown library. Please see Reference staff if you do not have a 14 digit barcode or if you are visiting from out of state and do not have a card.

The library cannot guarantee successful connections during Internet use.

USAGE GUIDELINES

Patrons are limited to 120 minutes of computer use per day. This limit includes the time required for saving and printing files.

No more than 1 person is allowed per terminal unless authorized by staff.

Printing costs \$.15 per page for white copy paper. Users may bring their own paper, but still must pay \$.15 per copy (black & white) and \$.25 per copy (color).

It is recommended that users save their work to a flash drive, CD-R or CD-RW. Any files saved to the hard drive will be erased. Flash drives are available for \$5.00. Users are welcome to bring their own storage media.

The library provides free access to the Internet. MPL does not monitor or control the material content available on the Internet, as it does not limit shelf access to print materials. While some of the information is of high quality, inevitably some material may be less accurate, authoritative, appropriate, or may be difficult to retrieve.

MPL Internet access shall not be used to receive, send, or view material in which the content or meaning is likely to be deemed obscene, abusive, or offensive. Accessing chat rooms or instant messenger is not allowed.

VIOLATIONS OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF ALL COMPUTER PRIVILEGES.

Users must be familiar with computers and how to use them. Books are available for users to consult for basic instruction and help. There are tutorials covering the Microsoft Office Suite, Internet Explorer, and mouse on each terminal in the Computer Center. Classes are offered periodically for beginning users. Individual instruction by staff is not available.

Bring your Laptop to the Library!

The Meriden Public Library is proud to announce the addition of a WIRELESS NETWORK to its computer services. Accessing electronic and print library resources under the same roof has never been this easy!!

What do I need to access the wireless LAN?

To access the wireless LAN, you need a notebook PC with an 802.11b wireless adapter. The device must use dynamic DNS and DHCP settings. The wireless access is available throughout the Library. (Not accessible in the Children's Library). There is no need to signup for this service and it's FREE!