Melissa Public Library
Computer and Internet Policy

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Melissa Public Library endeavors to develop collections and services that meet the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our diverse community. It is within this context that the library offers access to Computers and the Internet.

There is no external monitoring of the Internet. Most of the information accessed will be useful or interesting, but there may be information that is unreliable, personally offensive, or illegal under U.S. law. Selection polices governing the Library's purchases of materials are not applicable to the Internet.

In using the library computers and library Internet connection you must accept the following policies:

1.) A Melissa Public Library card in good standing is required to use the computers and Internet. (a minimum $5.00 fine is acceptable but must be taken care in a timely manner)
2.) Only one person is allowed at each workstation, including children except when a child needs help from a parent or legal guardian. EACH PERSON MUST REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK.
3.) Computers are available on a first come, first serve basis. There are no reservations; however, a waiting list will be kept. A Computer will only be held for 5 minutes, and then released to the next patron on the waiting list. Use of a computer is limited to one hour if a waiting list is being kept.
4.) The Library charges $0.15 per page for printing in black and white. Color is available for .50 cents per page.
5.) Storage devices can be used (for example USB Drives,CD ROMs. Software downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages directly or indirectly. (4 GB Flash Drive is available for $7.00)
6.) It is a criminal offense to display materials; distribute, exhibit, or display sexually explicit material, which is unsuitable for minors; or have or promote materials that show child pornography. (Texas Penal Code sections 43.22, 43.24, and 43.26)

7.) Users may not disrupt or interfere with other Library computer users or the staff. This includes, but not limited to, harassment of others or displaying text or graphics, which may be reasonably construed as offensive.

8.) Users may not disrupt or interfere with network services. This includes but is not limited to:

    a.) Propagation of computer viruses.

    b.) Attempts to add, modify, or remove system software or other system elements.

    c.) Attempts to evade system security measures or network access right.

    d.) Making unauthorized entry into other computers systems or networks.

    e.) Distribution of unsolicited advertising or obscene, threatening, harassing, libelous, or slanderous material.

    f.) Users may not connect their personally owned computing machinery, peripheral equipment, or software to the library network.

9.) Users may not do unauthorized copying of copyrighted material, violate software-licensing agreements, or use the Internet for any illegal activity. Also, users may not use the system to falsely represent himself or herself or the Library or use the system for financial or commercial gains.

Library Staff makes final decisions regarding all computer related policies.

Failure to follow these policies or use the Internet appropriately and responsibly will result in revocation of Computer privileges.