



# Bee Cave Public Library

## Internet Access Policy

**Mission Statement:** The Bee Cave Public Library will provide intellectual, cultural, educational, and recreational resources in a variety of formats. The library will offer an inviting environment, promote lifelong learning, and foster a sense of community.

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Bee Cave Public Library is pleased to provide our patrons with free Internet access on public workstations in the Library and free wireless connectivity in the Library building.

### Disclaimer

- Viewing and evaluating material obtained from the Internet is the responsibility of the library patron. Not all information obtained from the Internet is accurate, credible, or current. Some Internet sites may carry sexually explicit information or other information that library visitors may find controversial or inappropriate. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof.
- Restricting minor children's use of the Internet in the Library is the responsibility of the parents or guardians; the Library does not have the right or responsibility to act *in loco parentis*.
- In the interest of providing free access to information, and in keeping with the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, **the Bee Cave Public Library does not use filtering software** to censor access to material or protect users from offensive information.

### Using Our Computers

- Public workstations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Usage is limited to one hour at a time if others are waiting, not to exceed a total of two hours per person per day.
- Internet access sessions are not available 15 minutes before closing time.
- Children under the age of 12 will not be permitted to use the library workstations without parental permission.

The Library reserves the right to terminate the Internet access privileges of any person abusing these policies and procedures.

To access a library workstation, all users are required to accept the following Internet Use Agreement by clicking "I Agree" during the login process.

## **INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

I agree that the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. When using any computer at Bee Cave Public Library, I agree to

- Use library computers responsibly and ethically, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided;
- Refrain from making any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.

I agree not to use the computer for any unauthorized, unethical, or illegal purpose including, but not limited to,

- Attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others;
- Sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene;
- Distributing or exhibiting materials harmful to minors;
- Copying or distributing materials in violation of U.S. copyright law;
- Violating software license agreements or network usage policies.

I understand that library computers may not be used to break any federal, state, or local law. No library patron is permitted to use a library computer to view obscenity or child pornography, or to display such content. Violators of this Internet Use Agreement may have their computer and/or library privileges revoked and/or may be removed from the Library building. Illegal acts involving Library computers may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

The Bee Cave Public Library assumes no responsibility for any patron's use of the Internet. It is the right and responsibility of parents or guardians to determine what is appropriate for their children and to monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources, including the use of the Internet. Children under the age of 12 will not be permitted to use Library computers without parental permission.

*Approved by Bee Cave City Council, 3/26/2024*