

The Library has the following computers:

- Five for internet access, word processing, etc.

Time limit is 1 hour unless other patrons are waiting then it's 30 minutes. Children under 18 are not allowed to use the internet unless a parent or guardian is with them. Please see below for more details.

Bessemer Public Library Computer Use Policy

The Bessemer Public Library provides access to the Internet, a medium that offers a wealth of educational, recreational, and cultural information for Library users. Because the Internet is a vast, unregulated medium, the Library cannot control and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of information accessed over the Internet, including information contained in electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of electronic communication.

While accessing the computers at the Library, users must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Users may not attempt in any way to alter, damage, or sabotage computer hardware or software (practices known as hacking) and will be financially responsible for any malicious damage to hardware or software. The Library is not liable for any damage to a patron's disk or computer that may occur from use of the Internet at the Library; nor is the Library responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information while accessing the Internet at the Library.

Access to the computer is available to all patrons living in the Bessemer service area; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Internet Access will be denied to all children under 18 years of age who are not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parents and guardians are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. All users must check in at the desk prior to beginning their session.

Computer use is offered in sixty (60) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session. However, if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user may have another session. Please note, if there is heavy computer usage, the patron must relinquish use of the computer after thirty (30) minutes within either the first or second session. All users must be in good standing with the library (ie: no fines or overdues) prior to using the library's computers.

Adopted by the Bessemer Public Library Board

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