

Public Computers Use – Ekstrom Library

Ekstrom Library public computers are provided to enable library users to access the collections and information resources and services in support of curriculum and research needs. They are to be used for educational, non-profit and scholarly purposes. The following rules apply to use of computers within the Library and supplement the University Libraries' policy on the *Use of Information Technology Resources* and other policies of the Libraries and University.

1. University of Louisville students, faculty and staff have priority for accessing electronic resources and using library computers. A valid ULink ID and password provides unlimited access.
 - Guests (age 18 and older) are limited to one log-in per day allowing one hour of library computer use.
 - A government issued photo ID is required to receive a guest login ID and password. Visiting scholars from other colleges, university and research institutions may use library computers up to four hours per day.
 - High school students (age 14 and older) may gain access to library computers for up to four hours per day for research, but only with prior arrangement between their teacher and the Ekstrom Reference Dept. The teacher will be responsible for distributing guest logins to students.
2. Use of computing resources is a privilege that depends on individuals using the resources appropriately and in accordance with the University Libraries Policy on the Use of Information Technology Resources, University policies and local, state, and federal laws. These laws and policies cover such areas as illegal access to computer systems, networks, and files, copyright, and harassment issues.
3. At times, the demand for computers may exceed availability. Patrons are asked to be sensitive to the needs of others and limit computer time when others are waiting.
4. Printing is managed through the Copier Management Program between the University and Xerox. UniPrint pay-for-print stations are located in the Library. A print card is required for use.
5. Due to the public nature of the Libraries, individuals should demonstrate respect for individuals' rights to privacy and freedom from intimidation or harassment. You are asked to be sensitive to the fact that some on-screen images, sounds, or messages create an atmosphere of intimidation or harassment for others. Library staff may take steps to maintain an environment conducive to study and research.

6. Patrons should be aware that the Libraries do not filter, monitor or control Internet content and cannot be held accountable for information or images accessed through the Internet. Users are responsible for choosing which web sites they access. Students under the age of 14 must be accompanied by and in the presence of a parent, legal guardian or teacher while in the library. Parents, adult guardians, or adult chaperones who bring children to the public computer area assume responsibility for the unintentional or inadvertent viewing of images; or reading information on other users' computer screens.
7. Laptops and other personal computing devices may be used in the Library. Students, faculty and staff may connect personal equipment to the wireless network, or to ports designated for such use. Users may not unplug any Libraries' equipment or cables for any reason. Use of personal equipment, such as extension, adaptor, or power cords must not pose a safety hazard for others. Guests may obtain temporary wireless access with the support of a faculty or staff sponsor. Contact IT at 852-7997 for additional information regarding wireless access.