Computer Policy for the Public

Refer Questions to: Library Administration, Ext. 6-7545

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Audience

This policy applies to everyone who enters the Health Sciences and Human Services Library.

Acceptable Use

Computers and computer networks in the public areas of the library are primarily for the use of University of Maryland, Baltimore faculty, staff, and students. Computers and network facilities are provided to support the education, research and service missions of the University and its schools.

➢ Computers may not be left unattended for more than 15 minutes.

➢ Work and personal items should not be left unattended at any computer. Unattended items will be turned into Lost and Found at the Information Services desk.

Visitors

Visitors must sign up to use the single guest computer. Guest computer use is limited to one 60-minute session per day. This may be extended with the approval of a supervisor.

Visitors who wish to use library resources on a long-term basis may bring their own laptop or device and connect to the UMB Guest wireless network, or become library members for an annual fee.

Student visitors with valid school IDs who need computer access for academic, research, or consumer health purposes may use designated public computers, when available.

Misuse


Violations include, but are not limited to:

● Computing activity that is not in support of the education, research, and service mission of the University and its schools.
• Securing unauthorized access to or unauthorized use of IT resources, or facilitating such use or access by another person, including using a borrowed or expired barcode, and using someone else’s login.

• Altering system software or hardware configurations without authorization.

• Computing activity that is illegal.

• Computing activity that is wasteful of IT Resources.

• Software theft or piracy, data theft, or any other action that violates the intellectual property rights of others.

• Excessive downloading of copyrighted material in violation of vendor licenses or agreements which could compromise other users’ continued access.

Violations

Non-compliance with HS/HSL policies is considered disruptive behavior and will result in the loss of Library privileges. Additional sanctions, such as notification of the dean of the appropriate school or a permanent ban from the University may be imposed depending on affiliation of the individual and the nature of the violation.