**TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

**THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM AND SAWYER FREE LIBRARY**

***In order to offer free public access to technology in a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, new temporary terms of use have been implemented (noted in italics.)***

The Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library provides free access to technology as a service for the community. The Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library is guided by the American Library Association’s statements on access to information contained in the [Library Bill of Rights](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/LBORwithInterpretations.pdf) and the [Freedom to Read Statement](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement).

The Technology Policy is designed to ensure and protect our users’ access to information in a safe and friendly environment. Any questions or concerns about this policy or an appeal for reconsideration of a denial of use of any technology should be directed to the Library Director or his/her designee.

# Wired Devices

* The library has public computer workstations in the following locations:
	+ Express workstations on the 1st Floor are intended for short-term use by visitors over the age of 12.
	+ Workstations on the 2nd Floor are for use by those aged 11 to 18.
	+ Workstations in the Children’s Room are for use by anyone age 12 and under. For those over age 12, arrangements for use can be made through staff, e.g. accompanying adults, educators, etc.
* Users must sign on to a computer workstation using their NOBLE library card.
* Users without a library card may ask for a guest pass at any public service desk.
* Express workstation sessions are for 30 minutes and users are limited to one session per day. Staff may extend a session if no one else is waiting.
* The library’s computers automatically log out 10 minutes before the library closes.
	+ No exceptions can be made.
	+ Users are advised to save their work to removable media, email, or the cloud well before that time.
	+ For assistance with this please see a staff member.
* The Library cannot guarantee the security or privacy of data transmitted through a public Internet network. The Library accepts no responsibility for damage from identity theft of personal information and loss of data due to virus attacks and all other malware.
* *Users are entitled to up to ten free pages of black and white printing per day.*
* Users regardless of age have unrestricted access to the Internet.
	+ Children eight and under are encouraged to use the library Internet with an adult.
	+ Restricted access is the responsibility of parents, guardians, or care providers, not library staff.
	+ The Sawyer Free Library Children’s [website](http://www.sawyerfreelibrary.org/childrens-library/parent-teacher-resources/) provides links to useful sites on Internet usage, safety, and content. Our staff can assist in search strategies and website evaluation.

**Wireless Access**

* The Sawyer Free Library is a free wireless internet (Wi-Fi) “hotspot.”
* Users are reminded that the library’s wireless access is a public network and the Library cannot guarantee the security of any data transmitted. Wireless users may want to consider using a VPN connection and/or only send sensitive information on websites that offer encryption. The library is not responsible for any incidents of loss or theft.

# Mobile Devices

* The library has a limited number of circulating e-Readers, tablets, laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots for public use*.*

# Microfilm Readers

* *The library’s microfilm readers are not available to the public. Staff will retrieve information on microfilm by request.*

# AV Equipment

* *The library’s meeting rooms and AV equipment are not available to the public.*

# Other Technology

* The library has a photocopier/scanner for public use on the 1st Floor. *Users are entitled to up to ten free pages of black and white photocopies per day* while there is no charge for scanning*.*

**When using any library technology, the following is not allowed:**

* Violating federal, state, or local laws, including but not limited to laws involving copyright, harassment, or cyber-bullying, “spamming,” illegal duplication or downloading of copyrighted materials, or unauthorized access into other systems.
* Displaying images, video or text that is obscene, pornographic, or perceived by staff as harmful to minors.
* Engaging in any activity that is disruptive for other library users or staff.
* Engaging in any activity causing damage to library equipment.
* Communicating in a way that could be harmful or threatening to others.
* Behaving in ways which violate others’ privacy.
* Disrupting library equipment or services or software programs.
* Attempting to install unauthorized applications.
* Deliberately damaging equipment and furniture.
* Showing copyrighted material without proper license unless it comes under “Fair Use.” The user is liable for any copyright infringement.
* Engaging in these behaviors may result in the loss of library privileges or other penalties.

Amendments approved by the Board of Directors October 27, 2020