Wead Library Computer and Internet Use Policy   February 2017

By choosing to use the Wead Library's free computer service, patrons are expected to follow the following rules and policies:

Any library patron 12 years old and up may use the four public access computers at the library. Patrons are expected to register on the sign in sheet at the front desk. There will be a time limit of 30 minutes if other patrons are waiting. Patrons may sign on to use a computer for 2 sessions per day, regardless of the amount of time spent during each session or computer availability. The computers will be shut down 15 minutes prior to the closing of the library. Patrons under 12 years of age must have a parent, legal guardian, or mentor beside them while they are on the computer.

In order to protect patrons' privacy, no information can be stored on the public access computers. The computers are designed to erase any information that has been entered on them each time they are shut down. Patrons may use their own external storage devices on which to store information. Headphones are available at each computer, and patrons may purchase ear buds to keep for $1.00/pair. The cost for printing (black and white only) is 10 cents per page.

 To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act, a filter has been placed on the library's internet service to block online content that may be considered harmful to minors. Users must be aware that filters are not foolproof and may not obstruct access to all potentially harmful or offensive content. If a patron who has reached the age of 17 requires access to a site that has been blocked, that patron has the right to request unfiltered internet access. Parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of their child's internet activity. Children who use the internet may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Unauthorized online access (hacking) is prohibited. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors are prohibited.

The Wead Library's WiFi network is open and unprotected (no password is required.) Library staff will only provide limited technical assistance to the public. The library offers specific times for computer help, including free classes for the public. The library is not responsible for the safety of personal equipment, security or data resulting from using the wireless connection.