

Public Computer Use Policy at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library

The computing resources at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library (the "Library") support the instructional, research, and administrative activities of Misericordia University. (Examples of these computing resources include, but are not limited to, the central computing facilities, the campus-wide network, local-area networks, electronic mail, access to the Internet, and public computing.) Those who avail themselves of such computing resources are required to behave in a manner consistent with Misericordia University's code of conduct. The University supports computing activities which promote research, education and learning by the user of the computer system. Please note that the use of computers and the computer network at the Library by members of the public is a PRIVILEGE and not a right. The goal of the Library is to create and foster an atmosphere of academic freedom, however all Library computers must be used in an ethical and lawful manner as detailed below. This Public Computer Use Policy is part of the Library's overall policy structure and should be interpreted in conjunction with other existing policies and procedures.

No person may use Library computer resources for any illegal or unauthorized purpose or act. Specifically, individuals may not use computing resources to violate any state or federal laws or the Misericordia Computer Use policy. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all laws and regulations governing the creation, dissemination, or possession of pornography or illegal documents or images, files or instructions for violating system security; and the violation of copyrights.

Misericordia University students, faculty, staff and other officially-affiliated Misericordia users shall have priority in accessing and using the Library's computing resources. Non-affiliated users may be asked to relinquish Library computers to Misericordia faculty, staff, or students at any time. An officially-affiliated Misericordia user is an individual who has received a temporary (e.g. visiting scholar) or long-term (e.g. , research associate) Misericordia University user name and password which enables access to Misericordia services such as e-mail with the same name/password.

The computers are available, space permitting, for the public to use in accordance with the following guidelines:

Everyone from the public who uses a Library computer or computer network is expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Users may not download/upload, save, or otherwise transfer files or other data to the computer's harddrive.
2. Creating, displaying, and/or sending to others threatening, obscene, racist, sexist, or harassing material is strictly prohibited.
3. The use of a Library computer for any illegal activity or purpose is strictly prohibited.
4. Users may not use or install programs intended to damage or place excessive loads on

a Misericordiacomputer system or network. This includes, but is not limited to, programs known as computerviruses, trojan horses, and worms.

5. Users must observe all laws relating to copyright, trademark, export and intellectual property rights.
6. Users may not use Library computers to monitor or tamper with electronic communications of other users (or otherwise attempt to do so), nor may users read, copy, change, or delete files or software installed on a Library computer or belonging to other users.
7. Users may not use Library computers to circumvent data protection schemes or uncover security loopholes.

Patrons who fail to comply with the guidelines stated in this policy may be asked to relinquish their computer privileges and may be barred from using the Library computers in the future.