



Computer Use Policy

Cannell Library provides library collections and computer resources to meet the informational and instructional needs of Clark College students, faculty and staff. We aim for a balanced collection of books, periodicals, media, and electronic resources representing diverse viewpoints to provide students with resources needed to examine issues freely and make decisions as described in the Collection Development Policy (http://www.clark.edu/Library/PDF/collection_development_policy.pdf). Within this context, we provide access to the Internet and online resources on computers located in the library.

Cannell Library's Internet Access is through a private network that is provided exclusively for the benefit of students, employees, staff, visitors, conference attendees, invitees, and others involved in campus life and the academic community, as well as members of the public. Access may only be obtained through campus facilities or through a user access code.

Internet use by Guests (persons not affiliated with Clark College) is a privilege granted at the discretion of Cannell librarians. Guests must obtain a Cannell Library Card, sign in at the Reference Desk, and limit use to one hour. Printing is not available to guests.

Library public computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, in times of high use when patrons are waiting for computers, library staff may give priority to Clark students working on course related research. Cannell Library is considered a shared public place. Users should be aware that some materials accessed on the Internet may be considered controversial, offensive, or inappropriate for viewing in a public setting. Cannell Librarians ask users, out of consideration for others, to take care not to display or broadcast in any shared public place any images, sounds, or messages that could create an atmosphere of discomfort, harassment or intimidation for others, and to refrain from transmitting such images, sounds or messages to others using Cannell Library computing resources. Displaying materials which create a hostile environment for work or study will not be permitted.

In some situations where the display or broadcast of such materials is necessary to further a legitimate educational purpose, Cannell librarians ask that users be sensitive to the public nature of shared facilities. Please make advance arrangements with the reference librarians to access these materials in a private environment.

Users should be aware of copyright law as it applies to computer software. It is a criminal offense to copy any software that is protected by copyright. A formal copyright declaration need not be in evidence for legal copyright protection to be in force.