

## NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPUTER AND DEVICE ASSISTANCE POLICY

Patrons of the Newton County Public Library are responsible for completing forms, applications and online documents by themselves to maintain personal privacy. Staff may not assist in credit applications, bank documents, orders, or other transmittals of personal information.

On a regular basis, patrons may receive 5 to 10 minutes of limited guidance from Library staff, as staffing permits, to help complete the following tasks:

1. Completing job applications
2. Completing Department of Workforce Development applications
3. Obtaining an e-mail address
4. Adding attachments to e-mails, such as documents or photographs
5. Accessing downloadable material
6. Using Microsoft Office programs (open, save, print documents)
7. Accessing the Library's WIFI network
8. Printing wirelessly

Staff may direct patrons to online resources and/or Library books to assist them in general computer use, Internet searching, or application usage.

Newton County Public Library Staff members will assist in the operation of personal laptops, handheld devices or other personal online-accessible devices. ~~during Library-sponsored one-on-one technology help programs~~ **Assistance will be provided for a maximum of 20 minutes and only when adequate staffing levels allow. Patrons are encouraged to schedule help sessions in advance to ensure staff availability.**

Newton County Public Library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, to a user's data, devices, drives, discs, or files arising from employees assisting patrons, or from the use of the Library's computer system or network.

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