Laptop/iPad Lending Program

This service allows library card holding patrons in good standing to checkout a laptop or iPad for use inside of the library. Laptops have wireless internet access, Microsoft Office software, and web browsers. iPads have wireless internet access using the Safari web browser. For more information talk to a staff person or visit the library’s webpage at: www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org, or call 981-6100 for more details.

- Laptops/iPads are not reservable. They are loaned on a first come first served basis.
- Laptops/iPads are for **in-library use only**. The devices will stop working if removed from the building.
- You must have a Berkeley Public Library card to borrow a laptop/iPad.
- Laptops, iPads and Desktop computers can be used for a total of two hours daily combined.
- Laptops/iPads have the ability to print to the branch public print station. Follow instructions for printing from your personal wireless device in the library.
- Laptops have the following computer programs:
  - Internet Explorer
  - Mozilla Firefox
  - Microsoft Office
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader
- iPads have the following computer programs:
  - Safari

**Borrowing Procedures**

- You must have a Berkeley Public Library account in good standing. Library Accounts are blocked from use when they have fines in excess of $10.
- You must read, understand and sign the Berkeley Public Library Laptop/iPad Use Agreement.
- For children ages 13 and younger the Laptop/iPad User Agreement must be signed by the parent/guardian listed on the child’s library card. This must be signed at the Circulation Desk in the presence of a library staff member.

**Loan Periods and Use Procedures**

- Laptops/iPads can be borrowed for **in-library use only**.
- Laptops/iPads can be borrowed for up to two hours at a time.
- Laptops/iPads cannot be loaned to anyone but the card holder. Patrons cannot use a friend or family member’s card to borrow a laptop/iPad.
- If you cannot log in, please bring the device to the desk from which you checked it out.
- A basic knowledge of computers is required. Staff can provide you with only simple instructions and assistance; and written material on some common functions is available.
- Return the laptop/iPad after your session is over to make it available for the next user.
- If you are using the laptop/iPad at the end of the day it must be returned to the Circulation Desk 15 minutes prior to the library closing.
- No laptops/iPads can be borrowed 30 minutes prior to the library closing.
- Failure to return laptops/iPads within 10 minutes of the due time on 3 occasions will result in the suspension of laptop/iPad borrowing privileges for a period of 3 months.
- There are no floppy drives on the laptops/iPads. You must use a personal USB device to save the work on your laptop. The iPad is not compatible with USB devices.
- All files and downloads will be deleted when your session has been completed.
Laptop/iPad Use Agreement

Library users who wish to borrow any of the Berkeley Public Library’s laptops/iPads must have a valid library card and complete, sign and abide by this contract. All users must have a photo ID present to sign this contract. In the case of a child 13 years or younger, both the child and the parent/guardian must be present with valid photo ID.

I, ___________________________, agree to follow these rules to borrow a laptop/iPad computer from the Berkeley Public Library:

1. I will check out the laptop with my own valid Berkeley Public Library card in good standing (less than $10 in fines).

2. I will keep the laptop/iPad in my immediate possession at all times when it is checked out to me. I will not ask anyone else to guard the laptop/iPad for me for any reason. I will never leave the laptop/iPad unattended, even for a moment. If laptop/iPad is lost or stolen while checked out to me, I understand that I am responsible.

3. I will return the laptop/iPad by the time told to me by the library staff member lending me the laptop/iPad, which will never be later than 15 minutes before the library is closing.

4. I understand that a library staff member has to inspect the laptop/iPad and make sure it is in the same condition as when I borrowed it. I will reserve time before I need to leave so that this inspection will not be rushed. I understand that if there are damages my library card will be charged for those damages.

5. If I fail to return the laptop before the library closes I will pay the cost to replace the laptop, which is $915. If I fail to return the iPad before the library closes I will pay the cost to replace the iPad, which is $399. All patrons are subject to replacement, lost, and damaged bills, and fees associated with them.

6. I will only use the laptop/iPad inside the Library. If I remove the laptop/iPad from the library I understand that such action will be considered theft and I will be charged the cost to replace the laptop/iPad. Additionally I may face criminal charges for theft.

7. I will visually inspect the laptop/iPad and bring any damages to the attention of the staff person checking it out to me. I will return it in the same condition as it was when I borrowed it. I will pay whatever it costs the Berkeley Public Library to repair any damage that happens to the laptop/iPad while it is checked out to me.

8. I understand that any documents saved on the laptop/iPad will be lost immediately upon the restarting of the device.

9. I understand that I am responsible for signing out of any site I visit that requires a personal login. I understand that, ‘cookies,’ are not automatically deleted, and that login sessions must be terminated by me.

10. I understand that I must keep all food and drink away from the laptop/iPad.

11. I will not duplicate, remove, or install any software from/on the laptop/iPad.

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Signature Date

LIBRARY LAPTOP USER