

Student Support Off-Campus Internet and Computer Resource Guide



This Resource Guide is designed to assist students identify and secure access to computers and internet for the purpose of completing an online degree.

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In an effort to help close the digital divide between Tennessee's rural and urban communities, Volunteer State Community College in collaboration with AmeriCorps VISTA Kate Crye, has organized a list of public access computers in 11 local counties. This list includes contact information and operating hours for each county's public libraries, as well as the number of computers at the location and their user requirements. Public access computers are an important resource as many rural communities are currently without widespread internet access. Community locations that offer computer services enable residents in rural regions to connect to outside opportunities.

According to research done by the Tennessee Economic & Community Development Department, 34% of Tennessee's rural residents do not have access to basic internet. Today, computer access is considered a standard part of education as people are able to apply for admission and enroll in classes online. However, broadband internet is important for reasons beyond increasing educational opportunities for Tennessee's residents. By making the internet more accessible throughout the state residents will be more available for jobs and for economic development. In an article in The Tennessean, it was stated that, "more than a third of Tennessee households reported additional income from using the internet...."

By creating this list, Volunteer State Community College is seeking to inform incoming students of their options, especially if they do not have consistent access to the internet at home. This promotes the mission of providing access to services and information in various formats to enhance the quality of life and expand horizons for residents of these counties.

Clay County

Clay County Public Library: (931) 243-3442

9 Computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30-4:30 / Wednesday: 3:00-8:00 / Saturday: 9:00-1:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white only

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card.

Library Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/claycountypubliclibrary/>

Jackson County

Jackson County Public Library (931)268-9190 (Charles Ralph Holland Memorial Library)

5 Computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00-5:00 / Wednesday, Saturday: 10:00-3:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .20 cents, color prints .50 cents.

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

All computers will shut down 15 minutes before library closes.

Library Website: <http://www.crhmlibrary.com/>

Macon County

1. Macon County Public Library: (615)666-4340

10 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-5:15 / Thursday: 9:00-6:30

Public Wifi: Yes

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, color .50 cents.

Library Website: <http://www.maconcountyttn.gov/community/library.php>

2. Red Boiling Springs Branch Library: (615)699-3701

3 computers available + laptops

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:00-6:00 / Saturday: 8:00-2:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents per page.

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

Library Website: <http://www.maconcountyttn.gov/community/library.php>

Overton County

Overton County Public Library: (931)823-1888 (Millard Oakley Public Library)

19 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday: 10:00-7:00 / Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-5:00 / Saturday: 9:00-2:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

Library Website: <https://tenv-verso.auto-graphics.com/MVC/>

Pickett County

Pickett Co Library: (931)864-6281

2 computers + laptops available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30-5:00 / Saturday: 9:00-2:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

Library Website: <https://tenv-verso.auto-graphics.com/MVC/>

Putnam County

1. Algood Branch Library (931)537-3240

4 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 12:00-5:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, .25 cents for color

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. Computer use is limited to one hour a day per person.

Library Website: <http://pclibrary.org>

2. Baxter Branch Library (931)858-1888

4 computers available + laptops

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:00-6:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, .25 cents for color

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card.

Library Website: <http://pclibrary.org>

3. Monterey Branch Library (931)839-2103

9 computers available + laptops

Hours of Operation: Monday, Friday: 10:00-4:30 / Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00-5:30 / Saturday: 10:00-1:30

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, .50 cents for color

Requirements: Library card or photo ID for guests

Library Website: <http://pclibrary.org>

4. Putnam County Public Library: (931)526-2416

30 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday: 9:00-8:00 / Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00-7:00 / Saturday: 10:00-5:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, .25 cents for color

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card.

Use is limited to 1 hour per day per person

Library Website: <http://pclibrary.org>

Robertson County

Stokes Brown Public Library: (615)384-5123

24 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00-5:00 / Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00-8:00 / Sunday: 2:30-5:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, color .75 cents.

Requirements: photo ID for guests, library card. Unaccompanied users must be 18 or older.

Library Website: <http://www1.youseemore.com/springfieldpl/>

Smith County

1. Gordonsville Public Library: (615) 683-8063

4-6 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-4:30 / Saturday: 9:00-12:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents

Requirements: No photo ID required

Library Website: N/A

2. Smith County Public Library: (615)735-1326

Carthage, TN Location

4-6 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday: 9:00-12:00 / Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00-4:30

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents.

Requirements: No photo ID required

Library Website: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithCountyPublicLibrary>

Sumner County

1. Gallatin Public Library: (615)452-1722

33 computers available

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00-7:00 / Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-5:00 / Saturday: 9:00-3:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, color .50 cents

Requirements: Drivers license for guests, library card. 17+t do not need parental consent to access the computers. Computers close 30 minutes before library closes.

Library Website: <http://www2.youseemore.com/gallatinPL/>

2. Hendersonville Public Library: (615)824-0656

30 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday: 10:00-8:00 / Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00-6:00 / Saturday: 12:00-4:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, .50 color

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. 17+ does not need parental consent.

Library Website: <http://www.youseemore.com/hendersonville/>

3. Millersville Public Library: (615)448-6959

16 computers + laptops available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00-7:00 / Friday: 10:00-5:00 / Saturday: 10:00-4:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, color .50 cents

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. 17+ does not need parental consent.

Library Website: <http://www1.youseemore.com/millersvillepl/>

4. Portland Public Library: (615)325-2279

20 computers available

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00-8:00 / Wednesday, Friday: 10:00-6:00 / Saturday: 10:00-2:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, color .50 cents

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. 17+ need a library card but no parental consent.

Library Website: <https://www.portlandlibrary.com/>

5. Westmoreland Public Library: (615)644-2026

12 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00-6:00 / Friday: 9:00-5:00 / Saturday: 10:00-3:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents, .50 color

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. 17+ does not need parental consent.

Library Website: <http://www.youseemore.com/westmoreland/>

Trousdale County

Fred A. Vaught Memorial Library (615)374-3677

12 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00-5:00 / Tuesday: 9:00-8:00 / Wednesday, Saturday: 9:00-2:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .25 cents

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card

Library Website: <https://tenv-verso.auto-graphics.com/MVC/>

Wilson County

1. Lebanon-Wilson County Library: (615)444-0632

12 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30-8:00 / Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30-5:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, color .25 cents.

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card.

Internet permission form with parental consent is required for users under 18.

Library card holders are permitted 90 minutes of use. Guest users are allowed 60 minutes of use. The computers turn off 15 minutes before closing.

Library Website: <http://www.youseemore.com/lebanon-wilson/>

2. Mt. Juliet-Wilson County Public Library: (615)758-7051

12 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30-8:00 / Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:
8:30-5:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: black and white .15 cents, color .25

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card.

Library card holders are permitted 90 minutes of use. Guest users are allowed to access the
computers ONE TIME for 60 minutes. A parental consent form is required for 17 and under.

Library Website: <http://www.youseemore.com/mtjuliet/>

3. Watertown Wilson County Public Library: (615)237-9700

7 computers available

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30-5:00 / Tuesday:
12:00-8:00

Public Wifi: Yes

Printing: Black and white .15 cents, color prints .25 cents.

Requirements: Photo ID for guests, library card. Users under 18 years of age are required to
have a signed parental consent form.

*Guest users are limited to 5 uses.

Library Website: <http://www.youseemore.com/watertown/>