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## Internet Use Policy

The Portland Library provides public access to the Internet as part of its ongoing commitment to make information available in a variety of forms and from a variety of sources.

Users must register each time they wish to use this service. First time Internet users must read the Internet Use policy and sign a statement that they agree to abide by the policy. The policy shall be posted near the Internet computers.

As the Internet is a global and unregulated information network, the Library cannot control the information accessible through the Internet and shall not be held liable for its content.

Furthermore, all users who release personal information, including personal identifying information, credit card, or bank account numbers, etc. do so at their own risk.

It is beyond the library's control to guarantee complete privacy, due to the possibility that Internet searches might possibly be monitored by national security systems, commercial entities or by computer hackers.

Parents or guardians of children under 18 are responsible for their children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection. As with other library materials, a child's use of the Internet is solely the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian. The Library does not have the right or responsibility to act in loco parentis.

The Library provides a computer with filtered Internet access in the Children's area. The Library shall not be liable for any failure of filtering, or blocking software, to screen out Internet material that is obscene or harmful to minors. The library shall not be held responsible for filtering being in a disabled condition.

Unless allowed by a library staff member, Internet users may not install nor download software programs onto the Library computer's hard drive. Users shall not attempt to violate the computer security systems nor attempt to access the hard drive, other files, networks or computer systems of the Library, nor tamper with the computer hardware.

Illegal acts involving Library computing resources, including transmitting or publicly accessing materials harmful to minors, shall be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

The Library's Internet workstations are in public areas and are shared by patrons of all ages. Therefore, all patrons are asked to refrain from displaying potentially offensive images, or from

broadcasting sounds, that interfere with the civil atmosphere and workplace environment of the library.

The Library Director, or designee, reserves the right to limit the amount of time a user may access the Internet.

Internet privileges will be suspended if, in the opinion of the Library Director, use and/or behavior at the Internet workstations is not in accordance with this policy.

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