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The library makes public computers and Internet resources accessible to all visitors, regardless of age, library card account or resident status. The library staff helps visitors use public computers and navigate, identify and access resources on the Internet.

The Library's goal is to make the public computers at the library available to as many visitors as possible. To accomplish this, the library controls the amount of time any customer can use the public computers on a given day. There are a variety of services available on Library computers. Not all services are available at every computer and some computers may be dedicated for particular services at certain times.

The Internet contains a wide variety of material and opinions from various points of view. Not all sources provide information that is accurate, complete or current, and some information may be considered offensive or inappropriate for certain age groups. While the Gibsonville Public Library is sensitive to the concerns of customers about Internet content, no one, including the library, can control the information available on the Internet. It is the goal of the library to provide a comfortable and welcoming environment for all ages. Each individual is responsible for his or her own appropriate use of the Internet in a public place.

Confidentiality and Privacy
- The library follows state and federal law regarding privacy of library users' records and information.
- The library only keeps records essential for library business operations. The Library will release records only as required by law.
- When a computer session is ended, all information about that session is ordinarily deleted. The library does not retrieve any information, including websites visited, passwords, credit card numbers, or any other information a customer has entered.

Customers' Responsibility
In order to ensure a positive library experience for everyone the Library requires that all customers shall:
- Use computers only for lawful purposes.
- Refrain from viewing pornographic visual materials or content that by contemporary community standards would be considered obscene.
- Observe the established computer time limits.
- Respect the security of the network.
- Respect the configuration of computer equipment at the Library. Downloading or installing nonstandard software programs is prohibited.
- Keep virus protection software up-to-date on personal laptops or other mobile devices using the Library's wireless Internet connection.

Children and the Internet
The Gibsonville Public Library believes that the reading and viewing activity of children is ultimately the responsibility of parents who guide and oversee their own children's development. The library does not intrude on that relationship. Because the library does not limit computer use to certain age groups, children unattended by a parent or guardian may access the library's computers and the internet while in the library.