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Internet Use Policy

General Introductory Statements:

Legal Requirements: [NOTE: Language in this section meets the requirements under I.C.33-2741.] The Gooding Public Library District's Internet Access Policy complies with Idaho Code 33-2741 Public Library- Internet Use Policy Required.

The Gooding Public Library District abides by CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) and has in place a policy of Internet safety for minors, including the operation of a technology protection measure, hereafter called "filtering software," on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in I.C. 33-2741 and CIPA. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a computer by a minor. The Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents or legal guardians to guide their children's use of all Library resources, including use of the Internet. The Library does not provide any monitoring except as may be required to ensure compliance with Library policies and/or procedures.

Library policy restricts access to Internet sites that contain visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene, and may also limit Internet access or otherwise protect against materials other than the materials specified in the Idaho statute. Filtering software will provide Internet safety for all library computers connected to the Internet during the use of a computer by a minor. However, an authorized library representative may disable a technology protection measure at the request of a patron (age 18+) to enable Internet access for lawful purposes. Please be aware that deciding not to disable filters for patrons for "lawful purposes" may have First Amendment implications.

Internet access provided by the library is shared by users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Individuals are to respect the sensibilities of others. Use of the Library Internet for such things as accessing pornography, extreme violence or illegal activities is deemed inappropriate and unacceptable. Users are also cautioned that because security in a digital environment such as the Internet cannot be guaranteed, all transactions, files, and communication are vulnerable to unauthorized access and use, and therefore, should be considered public.

Disclaimers of Responsibility:

The Library assumes no responsibility and liability for any loss, harm or damage incurred by anyone using the Library's computing resources. All computer users at Gooding Public Library District agree to hold the Library harmless from any claims, losses, damages, or obligations related to the use of the computers. The same rules of conduct that govern the use of all Gooding Public Library District facilities and collections apply to the use of the computers. Users who violate this Internet Use Policy may face restrictions based on the discretion of the Library. For

serious or repeated offenses, users may be permanently banned at the Library Director's discretion.

Implementation Requirements:

A notice of the availability of this policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within the library for all patrons to observe.

The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy, enforcement of this policy by library staff, and what a patron should do if they observe inappropriate behavior by another library patron. A notice of the availability of these procedures for public review will be posted as well as the policies made readily available to all the staff members. These procedures and guidelines will be adhered to by the library staff to enforce the requirements of Idaho Code 33-2741.

Usage Guidelines:

To ensure that the use of the Internet is consistent with the mission of the Gooding Public Library District the following shall apply:

- The librarian on duty may be able to help you find the address or information; please ask if you need help
- Black and white copies can be made at \$.25 each; color copies can be made at \$.45 each.
- Computers are available on a first come, first served basis, and may not be reserved.
- Sessions on the public computers are limited to 30 minutes. Log on limits 2 times per day.
- Patrons who require longer than 1 hour completing their work (writing a paper, resume, filling out an online form, etc.) may ask library staff for an extended period of time. Time extensions are granted at the sole discretion of library staff, based on demand for public computers.
- Patrons under the age of 8 are to use the Computer Stations set aside for them. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for their children's use of the computer.
- Patrons who wish to hear audio content on Library computers must use headphones. Patrons may obtain headphones at the front desk.
- Installation or downloading of software is not allowed.
- Do not give out personal information about yourself or others
- Use of Internet in the Library for commercial activities is prohibited
- Use of Internet in the Library for political lobbying is prohibited
- The Library's computers may not be used for any illegal or criminal purposes including but not limited to:
 - Attempting to damage computer equipment or software
 - Causing degradation of system performance
 - Violating copyright laws or software licensing agreements

- Engaging in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous, or slanderous
- Using the Library's Internet service to gain unauthorized access to the Library's networks or computer systems or to any other network system
- Violation of Idaho Code 18-1514 and/or 18-4101 (Obscenity and Harmful to Minors)

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