# Internet Use Policy and Guidelines

This policy applies to all users of the Grantsburg Public Library computers or networks.  If you have a question about the policy or what it means, please contact a librarian for more information.

## Purpose
To fulfill our mission, the Grantsburg Public Library provides a broad range of information resources, including those available through the Internet.  We make this service available as part of our mission to offer a broadly defined program of information, education, recreational, and cultural enrichment opportunities for residents of all ages and background

The library only assumes responsibility for the information provided on the home page and the supporting web pages resident on the servers.  Grantsburg Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information assessed through the Internet.  The Internet offers access to many valuable local, national, and international sources of information.  However, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information.  Restriction to a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

## Responsibilities of Users
### Supervising Children's Use
It is the library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are inappropriate for their children. The library assumes parents/guardians have authorized and are aware of their child's internet use. There will be some resources that parents may feel are inappropriate for their children.  Parents should let their children know if there are materials that they do not want them to use.  Parent should authorize their children's Internet sessions.  Parent should also instruct their children in the Rule for Online Safety recommended by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Parents should inform library staff if they wish for a note to be placed in their child's record that denies the child computer use.

Users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user will be held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet. Users are expected to abide by the policies below which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service will result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

### Choosing and Evaluating Sources
The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse population and information content.  Library patrons use it at their own risk.  The Library cannot protect users from materials they find offensive.  The Library has established a policy as the means that is least restrictive of a patron's freedom of inquiry while effectively meeting the interest of others and the protection of minors.

### Rules Governing Use
1. A valid NWLS  library patron card on file
2. Children 15 and under will need parent/guardian signature on their card.
3. Library card will be left at the checkout desk while patron is on a computer. The patron will need to collect card when finished with the computer.

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4. Use of Internet access is generally available during library hours on a first come first served basis. 60 minutes will be available to each user. After that time, if anyone is waiting for use, the patron must make the computer available.
5. A printer is available and printouts can be picked up at the front desk.
   - A charge of 25 cents will apply to each page printed

**Users May Not**
1. Use the computer to display graphics that are obscene or harmful to others.
2. Use the workstations to gain access to the Library's networks or computer systems or to any other network computer system.
3. Obstruct other people's work by consuming large amounts of systems resources or by deliberately crashing any Library computer system.
4. Make any attempts to damage computer equipment or software.
5. Make any attempts to alter software configurations.
6. Make any attempt to cause degradation of system performance.
7. Use any Library workstation for any illegal or criminal purpose.
8. Violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements in their use of Library workstations.
9. Install or download any software.

Library patrons with fines and or fees over $5 will be refused Internet access. Violations will result in loss of access. Unlawful activities will be dealt within a serious and appropriate manner.