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3.0 Internet Use Policy

3.1 The Lopez Island Library offers free access to the Internet as part of its mission to provide access to information and resources.

3.2 By providing the Internet, the Lopez Library is able to offer access to material worldwide that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching. Currently, the Internet is an unregulated medium and users must be aware they can also access information, images, ideas and commentary that might be offensive, disturbing or illegal. The Library cannot control or monitor information from this international information network.

3.2.1 Not all information on the Internet is accurate or current. Some people may consider some Internet content offensive. Users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the validity of information found on the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the Internet. Internet users may not view, print out or download any material considered to be illegal or obscene by local, state, and federal authorities.

3.2.2 Users are cautioned that security in electronic environments cannot be guaranteed. All transactions, files, and communications, i.e. credit card numbers and e-mail, are vulnerable to unauthorized access and use and should be considered public.

3.2.3 As with the use of the library collections, responsibility for Internet use by minors rests with their parents and/or legal guardians. Parents who believe their children cannot responsibly use the Internet are requested to monitor their children's use of the Internet. Library staff will not monitor a user's use of the Internet, except for compliance with library policy and for length of use, in order to ensure equal opportunity of access for everyone.

3.3 Conditions and terms of use in the library

3.3.1 In order to make Internet resources available to as many users as possible, and to ensure that this resource is used in a manner consistent with library policies, the following rules shall apply.

3.3.2 Users may have to sign up for a limited number of times slots per day, depending on upon the demand. If computers are available, patrons may sign up for an additional 30 minutes. Reservations may be made by phone. Time is forfeited if more than 10 minutes late.

3.3.3 The computers at the library are set up for use by one person. In some cases, such as a parent/guardian with children, it may be necessary for two or more people to work together at a computer. Otherwise, due to limited space, a maximum of two persons may sit at each computer.

3.3.4 All users are asked to respect the privacy of other users and not attempt to censor or comment on what others are viewing.

3.3.5 Library staff will assist in the use of the Internet, but cannot provide extensive one-on-one instruction.

3.3.6 All Internet users are expected to be responsible and courteous, to use this resource in a manner consistent with the purposes for which it is provided, and to follow all Internet-related rules and procedures established for its use including, but not limited to, those of the Library.

3.3.7 Use of the Internet at the Library includes:

- A. Complying with the general rules of conduct.
- B. Refraining from illegal or unethical use of the Internet.
- C. Respecting copyright laws and software and data licensing.
- D. Refraining from damaging or altering the configuration of the Library's Internet equipment.
- E. Refraining from the deliberate propagation of computer worms and viruses.
- F. Refraining from sending harassing messages or images to other computer users.

3.3.8 Misuse of the computers will result in loss of computer privileges, potential loss of library privileges and possible prosecution. Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of the computers and the network. This includes confiscating disks, requiring a user to leave a workstation or the premises, and contacting law enforcement authorities. Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Violating this policy
- B. Hacking into the library computer system or any other computer system.
- C. Mishandling, damaging or attempting to damage computer equipment or software.
- D. Interfering with system operations, integrity or security.
- E. Failing to pay for printing.
- F. Refusing or ignoring a staff person's request to give up a workstation.
- G. Failing to sign up for a workstation
- H. Uses considered obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors.

3.4 Definitions

CIPA definition of terms:

1. Technology protection measure means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:
2. **Obscene**, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.
3. **Child pornography**, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code.
4. **Harmful to minors**. Harmful to minors means any picture, image, graphic image file or other visual depiction that:
 - a) Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion;
 - b) Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
 - c) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value as to minors.

The terms "sexual act" or "sexual conduct" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

3.5 Wireless Internet