400-01 — Internet Use and Safety

Statement of Purpose

Fairport Public Library provides access to a broad range of information through books and a variety of other formats to meet the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of our community. The Internet is an integral part of the resources used to assist library users in finding the information they need.

The Library complies with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires the use of filtering software for adults, teens, and children. This software shall be used to block visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Filtering software may not block all material users might find offensive. As with all library resources, Internet use by a minor is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents should inform their children of materials they do not want them to use and may wish to supervise their children's Internet sessions. To help protect their children's safety, the Library encourages parents and children to discuss the child's use of email, social media, online chat, and disclosure of personal information over the Internet.

Other than the online catalog, the library does not provide internet-connected computers or devices for public use in the Children's Room and children's cards do not work on any of our computers. If parents accompany their children to the library, the child may be issued a guest pass. Children are required to use their library card for access to the internet if they are in 6th grade or older, which gives them parental permission.

The Fairport Public Library is not responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information over the library's public computer services. Users should be aware that use of public computers is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding user's activities.

Guidelines for Use:

- Use of the Internet is governed by the Library's Rules of Conduct. The user may not use the Internet for any illegal activity or place any material on the Internet related to any illegal activity.
- Users may not invade the privacy of others or engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening; or receive or display graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene as defined by law.
- It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and licensing agreements and assume responsibility for payments of fees for any fee-based service.
- Library staff members are not able to provide in-depth computer training but will answer questions and, as time permits, help users locate and use resources on the Internet or on other electronic resources in the library.
- Internet workstations are accessible by library card or guest pass. With the use of a library card there is a daily time limit of 90 minutes with an additional 90 minutes if at least three

workstations are available for use. Time limits are established to provide the opportunity for the maximum number of people to access the Internet workstations.

- Technology protection measures may be disabled, on specific pages, for adults (or minimized for minors) only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Director of Technology or their designated representative.

Users may not:

- Use the library's workstations to gain unauthorized access to the library's networks or computer systems or to any other network or computer system.
- Obstruct the work of others through so called "hacking," consuming gratuitously large amounts of system resources, or deliberately crashing any library computer system.
- Display images, sounds, or messages in a way that will negatively affect those who find them objectionable, offensive or disruptive.
- Make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- Make any attempt to alter software configurations in a malicious manner.
- Make any attempt to cause degradation of system performance.
- Use any library workstation for illegal or criminal purpose.
- Engage in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous or slanderous.
- Represent yourself as another person for purposes of fraud or other illegal activity.
- Disclose, use, and disseminate personal information regarding minors.

The library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time.

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