GIBBS LIBRARY Washington, Maine
INTERNET USE POLICY
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This policy must be read and signed before using the **Library's** computer. Those under the age of 18 **must** have the policy cosigned by a parent or guardian. In addition, if the user is accessing the Library's wireless Internet with their own equipment, a wireless Internet Access Policy form must also be signed.

In response to the information needs of a rural community, the **Gibbs Library** seeks to develop its collection, resources and services to meet the diverse needs of the population of Washington and surrounding communities.

The Gibbs Library does not monitor and has no control over information accessed through the Internet and *cannot be held responsible for its contents.* As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the *responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.*

Nature of the Internet
As an unregulated medium, the Internet differs from the Library's collection in that it is not organized, cataloged, or evaluated by the Library staff. The Library has no control over the Internet and its resources and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy, or currency of any Internet information.

The Internet may contain material of a controversial nature. Not all sources on the Internet provide information that is current, accurate, unobjectionable, or complete. Some content is obscene and/or harmful to minors. The Library does not censor access to information or guarantee protection from controversial material. Parents of minors must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection. Internet computers are not filtered.

For safety reasons, the Library recommends that you not reveal your name, address, or telephone number to anyone on the Internet.

Unacceptable Uses of Computers include but are not limited to:

- Reconfiguration or disruption of computer systems here or elsewhere.
- Violation of computer security.
- Engaging in illegal activity.
- Invading the privacy of, harassing, libeling or slandering others.
- Intentional exposure to other individuals (especially children) of text or graphics which they may find offensive.
- Unauthorized monitoring or disruption of electronic communications.
- Damage to equipment or furniture.
- Stop viewing any site that creates a hostile environment for other library users and staff if a staff member asks you to stop.
- Follow the rules of the websites you visit.
- Never harass others with prints, images or messages.
- Make appropriate choices about the sites you view when others are present, since the library is a public place that serves children as well as adults.
- Use sound-muffling headphones or mute sound to avoid disturbing others.
- Software may only be installed on the library computers by the computer technology person.

The computers can be used any time the library is open. Those who wish to use a computer can sign up for the next available half hour slot. If there is no one signed up for the half hour slot after the user's time is up, the user can continue to use the computer for the next half hour or until the next user's time.

Files should not be downloaded to Library computers. Any documents created should be deleted from the computer at the end of the session.

Anyone using their own computer for Library WiFi access should also sign the Wireless Internet Access policy.

The **Library** will not charge for the first 5 pages printed on the printer, but each page after that will be $ .10.

This policy will be kept on file at the Library. Patrons may be asked to sign a new form if the policy changes.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS INTERNET USE POLICY.

Date_____

USER NAME_____ _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18_____