Gibbs Library, Washington Maine
Wireless Internet Access Policy
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The Gibbs Library provides free Internet access for users with portable computers capable of receiving wireless signals, during normal library hours. This will allow users to access the Internet from their laptop. Printers are not available via the wireless connection.

There is a password for accessing the internet. This can be obtained from the desk volunteer. Users are responsible for making sure their computer has the correct settings and necessary hardware. Library staff cannot assist users in configuring their equipment or troubleshooting problems. Users should refer to their owners' manuals or other support services offered by their computer manufacturer. The library cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection.

Be prepared to use battery power. Do not plug into an outlet where you block aisles, exits or access to materials. The library has limited electrical outlets.

As with most public wireless "hot spots", the library's wireless connection may not be secure. There can be non-trustworthy third parties between the user and anybody with whom the user communicates. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords or any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless "hot spot."

The following policies are in addition to the Library's computer and Internet usage policies. Actions that are detrimental or inappropriate when accessing the Library and Internet resources include but are not limited to those listed below:

- The Library does not supply or loan network cards or laptop computers.
- Library staff provides no technical assistance for wireless networking.
- Users may not extend or modify the network in any way. This includes adding access points and installing bridges, switches, hubs, or repeaters. The Library reserves the right to remove or disable any unauthorized access points.
- Individual users will be responsible for all costs associated with purchase, installation, operation, and support of wireless adapters in client computers.
- Any attempt to break into or gain unauthorized access to any computers or systems from a wireless connection is prohibited.
- Any effort to circumvent the security systems designed to prevent unauthorized access to the Library's wireless network may result in the suspension of all access.
- The Library reserves the right to terminate a patron's computer session if the patron is in violation of the Library's Internet Use Policy or these procedures.

The Library shall not be responsible for any loss of data or damage to personal equipment. The Library will not be responsible for any personal information (e.g., credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware or software due to electrical surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless devices. The Library cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment.

Laptops and other devices should never be left unattended in the Library. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used at the Library's facilities.

By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the Gibbs Library's Internet Use Policy which must be signed prior to using the wireless connection. All users are expected to use the library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided. Users should not violate federal, Maine, or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud, or downloading copyright material.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Rules for Acceptable Use of Wireless Internet Connections.

Regardless of the WiFi source, wireless Internet users inside the Library or on Library premises are subject to the Library's Internet Use Policy, with the exception of those rules that apply to library-owned equipment.

Specifically, as a wireless Internet user, you must:
- Never block aisles, exits or access to library materials.
- Wireless users who do not follow the rules for wireless Internet use may be asked to stop using wireless connection inside the library, be excluded from the Library and/or be prosecuted.
- Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the Library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.
- Patrons under the age of 16 must have a parent or guardian grant permission by signing the WiFi Policy and Internet Use Policy.
- Any patron using the wireless connection must have virus protection software installed and up to date on their computer.

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 THE WIFI POLICY AND THE INTERNET USE POLICY AND WILL ABIDE BY THIS POLICY.

Date_____

USER NAME_____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18_____