

## Internet & Wireless Use Policy

The Library Board establishes this Internet policy to ensure appropriate and fair use of Internet and Wireless resources within the Library. The Library provides free public access to the Internet as an informational, educational and recreational resource. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users need to be good consumers. A good consumer questions the validity of what is found on the Internet.

The Gays Mills Public Library does not censor or filter access to materials including the Internet. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions. Users 17 or younger must have signed parental permission on file at the library.

Computer appointments are encouraged. Use of the computers is limited to 60 minutes and may be reduced to 30 minutes during periods of high demand. Users are expected to monitor their own time usage. If no one else is waiting to use a Library computer, Library staff may allow users additional time on the computers.

Responsible Use of the Internet & Wireless Access at the Gays Mills Library includes:

- Individuals must accept responsibility for evaluating the content of resources they view, read or listen to. Monitoring a child's access to content is the parent's responsibility.
- Individuals are urged to respect the sensibilities of others when accessing images that may reasonably be offensive to someone else. Privacy is not guaranteed.
- Individuals are responsible for complying with copyright, federal, state, local law and software licensing agreements when using library computers. Use of the library connection in an illegal or fraudulent manner may result in loss of access to all library materials.
- Security for personal wireless devices rests solely with the owner. Library staff may provide guidance for accessing library materials and services with privately owned devices but they do not provide technical support.
- Individuals are not authorized to make changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware of Library computers including the download of software to library computers.
- Individuals are expected to be respectful of other users by refraining from abusive and harassing conduct. Respect the rights and privacy of other computer users. Headphones must be used when accessing audio or video files.
- Individuals who handle financial transactions or other confidential activities do so at their own risk. Privacy and security of electronic communication is not guaranteed.
- Charges for printing will be set by the Library Director.

The Library staff may impose additional restrictions on the use of the Library computers or wireless access network. While respecting individual users' right to privacy, Library staff reserves the right to monitor use of the Library computer workstations and wireless network use to ensure compliance with this policy. Staff may ask users to remove themselves from Library computers or wireless network if they observe any behavior which they judge to be in conflict with this policy. Misuse of Library computers or wireless network may result in suspension of Internet and/or computer access.

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