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Internet Use Policy	Policy Approved: May 20, 2024 Review Date: May 2029

The Keene Public Library Board of Trustees and its staff are dedicated to making available a full range of information resources and services, provided without censorship or violation of privacy.

Keene Public Library offers access to the Internet as an electronic means of reaching ideas and information, greatly expanding its information services beyond traditional collections and resources.

Keene Public Library offers fair and equitable access to all Internet users. The purpose of this policy is to guide use of computers and other devices that access the Internet on library premises via the library's network, or other network.

Use of the Internet at the library, use of the public computers, and use of the wireless network is entirely at your own risk. Most public wireless networks are not secure including the library's wireless connection, and information passing through the wireless network could be monitored, captured or altered by others. The library is not responsible for any damage to, loss of, or theft of your data. In particular, users should be cautious about entering user names, passwords, credit card numbers, financial information, and other private data on public computers or on private computers or devices over a wireless network. The library will not be responsible for any damage caused to a user's hardware, software, or data due to electrical surges, security issues, or consequences caused by viruses or hacking.

All user information is erased and cannot be recovered when a computer session on a library-provided public computer has ended. All computer use and reservation records are periodically erased after they are no longer needed for the functioning of library operations and compilation of computer usage statistics

All users of the Internet are advised to protect personal information. The library collects only that personal information necessary for the provision of library services. The library will not distribute or disclose personal information of adults or minors.

Not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal, or philosophically acceptable to all citizens. Any website may offend some patrons. Any website may have inaccurate or misleading information. Only individuals can determine what is most appropriate for their needs.

Parents, caregivers, and legal guardians, not the library staff, are responsible for the supervision or restriction of their children's use of the Internet. This includes the use of websites, e-mail, and social media.
Patrons using library computers, or their own computers, or any Internet devices while on library premises must comply with the following rules of use:

1. All users must comply with the Keene Public Library Patron Code of Conduct and also with the Computer Rules of Use as established by the Keene Public Library Director and which may be revised from time to time.

2. The use of the Internet for activities that violate local, state, or federal laws is prohibited, including those regarding accessing, viewing, printing, and distributing obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors. The library will cooperate with authorities to enforce these and other statutes.

3. The library is a public and open environment. Images prohibited under New York State Penal Law 245.10 - 245.11. 263.11. and 263.16 may not be on public display.

4. The Children's Room is a public and open environment geared to a special population. Patrons may not display pictures inappropriate for the environment of the Children's Room on their screens.

5. All users are expected to use the Internet in a responsible manner; activities that disrupt library operations, library equipment, the library network, any other library user, or user of the Internet at large are prohibited. Examples of such activities by children or adults are:

    - Engaging in any activity that creates an intimidating or hostile environment for others, including other patrons or library staff.
    - Tampering with hardware or software.
    - Violating the privacy of individuals.
    - Violating copyright laws.
    - Vandalizing data
    - Unauthorized access to, or disruption of, Internet resources, hosts, networks, or end-user systems or accounts.

6. Patrons using public access computers must quit the Web browser, close open applications, and remove all personal property before moving away from the computer

The Keene Public Library complies with applicable U.S. copyright laws. The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.Code) governs the use of copyrighted materials. Keene Public Library is not responsible for the improper or illegal use of copyrighted materials by its patrons. The person using our resources is responsible for guarding against the infringement of rights that may be held by others and for clearing reproduction rights and copyright restrictions when applicable.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in loss of Internet access for users. A patron whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed first by the Library Director and then by the Keene Public Library's Board of Trustees.