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- All users must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy before accessing the Internet.
- Users should use extreme caution about revealing any personal identification information. Library personnel cannot assist patrons with personal information.
- Although the library has security methods in place for protecting internet access, there is no guarantee that computer usage is completely secure.
- All public libraries in the state of Georgia utilize filters. In each library unfiltered computers are available for adults 18 years and older.

### ***Children and Use***

- Children 12 and under must use computers in the children's department unless they have an adult sitting with them.
- Ages for use of computers in the libraries that have Young Adult Department computers are 13 through 18.
- Persons younger than 18 years of age must have an adult present to use unfiltered computers.

### **Equipment and Device Use**

The Sequoyah Regional Library System offers computer terminals, laptops, tablets, or other devices for use inside the Library building. The types of technology available may vary by location.

- The borrower is responsible for assuring no damage occurs to the device while in their possession.
- The borrower, or the responsibility party of a borrower age under 18, assumes full responsibility for the cost of repair or replacement in the event that the device is lost, stolen or damaged.
- Any misuse of the device will result in an immediate loss of device use privileges. Future borrowing privileges may also be denied.
- Devices are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- An eligible patron will be allowed to borrow one device at a time.
- The Library is not responsible for damage to any removable data storage device or loss of data that may occur due to malfunctioning hardware or software.
- Under no circumstances should a borrower leave a device unattended. The Library will not be responsible for a lost or stolen device even though it is used in the library.
- The borrower must adhere to all device procedures for use.
- If equipment is shared, all users must agree to the Library's Acceptable Internet and Technology Use Policy.
- Users shall respect the privacy of others.
- Users may not misrepresent themselves by access code, password or signature.
- Users may not install or modify library software or hardware or load personal software.
- Federal copyright restrictions apply to computer use.
- Users may download information to a flash drive, memory stick, or similar memory device.
- Authorized Library staff may prohibit the downloading, uploading or trading of music files, music players, file sharing and streaming.

#### **INF-4 Child Internet Protection Policy**

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In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), library computers are equipped with software that is designed to block access to sites containing visual depictions and/or information which may reasonably be construed as being obscene, child pornography, or materials "harmful to minors" as currently defined by law.

Library patrons, including those patrons under 18 years of age and library employees may not use any computer equipment and communication services owned or leased by the public library for sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, or material that is harmful to minors. Patrons in violation of this policy will lose computer privileges. Sequoyah Regional Library shall implement and enforce this policy by the use of in-house security appliances to provide content filtering for URL categories and URL blocking for individual websites.

Sequoyah Regional Library System shall not be subject to civil liability for damages to any person as a result of the failure of any approved software program or approved online server to block access to visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and material that is harmful to minors.

For the purposes of this policy, 'Child pornography' means any computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct or in the simulation of such conduct. 'Internet' means a global network that connects computers via telephone lines, fiber networks, or both to electronic information.