G.A.R. MEMORIAL LIBRARY
INTERNET POLICY
(Approved by the G.A.R. Board of Trustees –February 8, 2017)

The G.A.R. Memorial Library in its role as a community information resource provides public access to the Internet. The Library does not control and does not monitor any information accessed through the Internet for either accuracy or content. Nor does the Library have complete knowledge of the accuracy, appropriateness and usefulness of information accessed via the Internet. The individual user is the ultimate judge of the value of accessed information. In the case of minors responsibility rests with their parents or legal guardian.

ACCEPTABLE USE: Access to and use of the Internet is a privilege and should be treated as such by all users of the system. The Library's electronic information resources are to be used in a responsible manner consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided.

ACCESS BY MINORS: Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding which library resources are appropriate for their own children. Parents or legal guardians should guide their children in use of the Internet and inform them about materials they should not use.   The Library affirms and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of guardians to monitor and determine their children's access to Library materials and resources,   including those available through the Internet.

FILTERING OR BLOCKING SOFTWARE: The G.A.R. Memorial Library subscribes to the position adopted by the American Library Association that sees the use of filtering software on library Internet workstations as blocking Constitutionally protected speech and inconsistent with the United States Constitution and federal law.

Rules of Use and Conduct:

Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce these Rules and/or to prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with the Internet Use Policy as stated or implied herein.

1. Minors/Adults shall NOT access material that is obscene or pornographic (which includes but is not limited to child pornography and material which is harmful to minors or is otherwise inappropriate).
2. Internet access is available whenever the library is open.
3. Use of the computer is on a first come first serve basis. After a reasonable amount of time users may be directed by the library staff to log off within 15 minutes in order to accommodate other patrons.
4. Appropriate charges for printing will apply.
5. To facilitate lock up procedures, library personnel will begin to shut down workstations ten minutes before the library closes.

Misuse of the electronic resources of the library, or of Internet access, shall result in the loss of computer privileges for the patron.

Library trustees and staff will continue to evaluate our internet policies and procedures and make modifications as needed to insure equitable and safe access for all.