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The Library offers access to electronic information and services, including the Internet, as part of its mission to meet the personal, professional and educational information needs of its customers of all ages. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection.

Parents and guardians play critical roles in helping children learn to use this tool. In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, filtering software has been placed on Youth Services computers (Title 18 Section 2252, U. S. Code). The Library does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent). Library staff cannot act in the place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians.

The Library makes all attempts to protect customers' rights to privacy and confidentiality. However, in general, electronic communication is not absolutely secure and networks are sometimes susceptible to outside intervention. In addition, there exists a possibility of inadvertent viewing of computer activity by nearby computer users. Absolute privacy in using the Internet in the library cannot be guaranteed. Internally, network administrators may monitor a person's Internet use as a part of normal system maintenance.

The Library reserves the right to set rules to promote ethical, equitable and safe computer use and to regulate the manner in which its resources are utilized. Customers violating library policies and rules of conduct in this respect will be asked to discontinue such activities or to leave the library. A copy of the Library's Computer and Internet Use Rules of Conduct is available upon request.

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