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PURPOSE	This Internet Access policy is intended to balance the needs of the Library's customers for full access to the Internet while ensuring that such use conforms with all applicable laws, does not impact negatively on the enjoyment of others, and the Library is maintained as a safe public place.
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>The Library assumes responsibility only for the information provided on its own home pages. It is not responsible for the content, accuracy, appropriateness or availability of external links from its pages and assumes no responsibility for damages, howsoever caused, sought by customers or third parties arising from its provision of Internet services.</p> <p>Customers are responsible for assessing the quality and validity of information found on the Internet.</p> <p>As with other Library services, children's access to and use of the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.</p>
FILTERING	The Library provides access to both filtered and unfiltered workstations. All customers have access to all workstations. Filtered workstations have software that attempts to block sites that contain sexually explicit or hate speech material. The Library assumes no responsibility in the event the filter is not 100% effective. Filtering software does not supplant the need for parental guidance.
PROHIBITIONS	<p>Customers are prohibited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempting to gain unauthorized access to computer operating systems and computer files, passwords, or data belonging to others.• Damaging or altering the hardware and software components of any computer system.
LEGISLATION	<p>Customers must respect copyright laws, privacy laws, licensing agreements and other intellectual property rights.</p> <p>Customers are subject to federal, provincial, and municipal legislation regulating Internet use, including the provisions of the Criminal Code regarding Obscenity, Child Pornography, Sedition, and the Incitement of Hate. Use of the Internet for illegal purposes is prohibited and customers involved in such activities may be subject to prosecution.</p>
LIBRARY PRIVILEGES	Use of the Internet is a privilege of library membership. Misuse or abuse of the Internet, library computers or programs, or failure to adhere to this policy may result in the suspension of Internet access privileges and/or removal from the Library.
RELATED POLICY	This Internet Access policy incorporates, by reference, the Library's Rules of Conduct.