INTERNET ACCESS & USE POLICY

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Purpose:

Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library offers the use of the Library computer workstations and wi-fi to all library patrons, and guest users.

Access:

The Library reserves the right to impose time limits at workstations as needed and prioritize computer use for homework, job searching, and resume creation. The Reference Workstation computer is designated an express use computer during peak times, and will have a 15 minute time limit.

Children's Access:

The Library cannot and does not act in place of the parent or guardian and is not responsible for enforcing restrictions which a parent or guardian may place upon their children that use the internet. Library staff do not monitor children's internet use.

Library Staff will ask the age of unsupervised children requesting use of Library computers or wi-fi in accordance with the Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library's Unattended Children's Policy. Children under the age of 9 will not be permitted to stay in the Library without parental/guardian supervision, and parents/ guardians are required to attend to their children immediately unless exemptions allow within the Unattended Children's Policy related to programs.

User Responsibilities:

The Library does not monitor, and has no control over, the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Not all internet sources provide current, accurate, complete, or age appropriate information. It is the user's responsibility to question the validity, legality, and security of any sites they access.

The Library will not be responsible for any expense incurred by, or the potential repercussions of a third party using, personal/banking/credit card information that has been

entered via the public network. The Library cannot guarantee the safety of traffic across its wireless network. The Library does not assume any responsibility for the configuration, security, or files on personal devices resulting from connection to the Library's network.

Acceptable Use:

Users must respect the laws of Canada when using the public network.

Use of the public network for illegal, actionable, or criminal purposes to seek access to unauthorized areas is prohibited. Examples of such illegal activities include, but are not limited to, harassment or stalking, libel, illegal commerce or solicitation, hacking or tampering with other computer systems, viewing child pornography or explicit content, sedition, and incitement of hate.

Users of the public network may not violate or circumvent copyright and other intellectual property rights.

Internet workstations are situated in public areas and content being viewed by users may be seen by other people. Users are expected to use the Internet in accordance with this environment.

Compliance:

Accepting the User Agreement on a Library computer signifies an understanding of, and willingness to comply with, this policy.

Library staff are entrusted with the obligation to ensure that this policy is followed. Staff will advise users of appropriate or inappropriate conduct as required. Should violation of this policy occur, staff has the authority to block access to the Internet and/or Library services.