



Gleason Public Library

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In an effort to fulfill our mission, the Gleason Public Library provides access to the resources of the Internet through computers, devices, and through a wireless system. Users of this access and this equipment are reminded of the following:

- The Library is a public area, which must be shared by Library users of all ages, backgrounds, and sensibilities. Individuals are asked to consider this and to respect others when accessing information and images. See Library Expectations Policy.
- For security reasons and to ensure equitable access to library resources, including Internet bandwidth, the Library may limit the duration of use and specific uses of Library equipment, including the installation of programs and the upload or download of software or other materials from personal equipment or the Internet.
- Similarly, for security and/or technical reasons, the Library may limit certain uses of the wireless network, such as file sharing and outgoing SMTP mail transfer.
- Library patrons may not use the library's equipment, Internet connection, or wireless network to transmit or receive illegal (including harmful or obscene) or disruptive material.
- Library patrons are expected to respect intellectual property rights by making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data residing on the Internet.
- Resources available on the Internet may not be accurate, complete, current or acceptable to all users.
- **Parents and guardians of children under 18 are responsible for their children's use of Library equipment as well as their use of the Library's Internet connection to access information.**
- Failure to comply with any library policy, including unauthorized access, vandalism or tampering of the equipment, may result in loss of library privileges in addition to any appropriate legal action, including criminal prosecution, as per Expectations Policy.
- Library staff will do their best to assist library patrons with the use of equipment and the Internet, but are not fully versed in all aspects of technology.
- The Library is not responsible for any information that users access via the Internet or liable for the consequences of equipment or Internet use in any way, including the transmission of computer viruses, loss of data or e-mail, security breaches of personal/private information, or any harm resulting from the use of an unsecured server.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Material relating to children's use of the Internet is available from the Massachusetts Office of Attorney General www.mass.gov or "Child Safety on the Information Highway" at www.connectsafely.org.

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