## **Internet Access Policy**

All users of public internet computer stations must have their own valid library card to access computer internet stations. Users may request a guest pass to use internet computer stations once a month after showing photo identification if over the age of 18. The Kaukauna Public Library internet network is not filtered. Computer internet stations do not have time limits unless all computers are in use. Computer internet stations in the children's department are intended for use by minors under the age of 18 or adults with minor children accompanying them. The Tween/Teen Computer Lab is intended for minors under the age of 18, groups preapproved by library administration, or as overflow from the main computer area at the discretion of library staff.

## PATRON RESPONSIBILITY:

Patrons using computer internet stations or Wi-Fi are subject to the Library Appropriate Use Policy.

Patrons acknowledge that content on the internet is not managed or governed by any entity and therefore they may encounter materials that are inaccurate or that they consider offensive.

Patrons acknowledge that the library cannot protect the privacy of data that is transmitted to third parties via the internet on public computers or when using the library's Wi-Fi network.

When closing an internet session, patrons acknowledge that the library wipes stored data between sessions, so unsaved items or unfinished business will be gone. The library is not responsible for loss or damage to patron hardware, software or data. Patrons may not download software or tamper with library network settings.

Patrons and the library shall comply with all federal, state and local laws including, but not limited to:

- Patrons may not use library internet to view, print, distribute, send or receive images, or graphics of material that violates laws relating to child pornography.
- Patrons may not knowingly exhibit or display any material that is "harmful to minors" per Wis. §948.11 in its content or material that is obscene in any place of public accommodation where minors may be present and where minors are able to view the materials.
- Patrons must adhere to copyright law and may not copy or distribute materials without the permission of the owner.

## PARENT AND LEGAL GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY:

Parents and legal guardians are responsible for monitoring internet access for their children who are minors. Restrictions on a child's access to the internet on the library network is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Youth under the age of 18 require parental permission to use library internet computer stations. Permission is granted in the following circumstances: a parent has signed the library registration card granting internet access for the minor, the parent has made a change to the library card account granting access to the internet, or the parent is accompanying a minor to the library and requests a guest pass for internet access.

The public library, unlike schools, does not legally serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent). Unaccompanied minors with access to the internet on their library cards are not monitored, nor can personal device use on library Wi-Fi be monitored. Please see the Unaccompanied Child Policy for more information on library use by unaccompanied minors. The library will not give guest passes to minors under the age of 18 unless a parent is present.