XI. Internet Use

The Bloomer Public/G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library provides access to the Internet as a means to enhance the information and learning opportunities for the citizens of the library's regional area. The Board of Trustees has established the acceptable use policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Access to the Internet is available to all patrons; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the library's Internet service.

A. Expectations:

1. Users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user will be held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet.

2. Users are expected to abide by the policies below, which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service will result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

B. Warnings:

1. The Internet is a non-centralized, non-moderated global network; the Bloomer Public/G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library has no control over the content found there. The library does not censor access to material nor protect users from offensive information, and it is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the Internet.

2. The library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. The library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal computer from the use of data downloaded from the library's Internet service.

3. The use of the Internet and e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the proper authorities.

C. Guidelines:

1. Patrons may use the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs.

2. Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use a free e-mail service which will establish and maintain an account for them; the library is unable to manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals.

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3. Internet use is offered in sixty (60) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session--if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can have another session, but once having had the service for 60 minutes the user must abandon use of the Internet if another patron requests use of the service.

4. Users will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws and regulations; they will not use it for illegal purposes. Such purposes include the posting and/or viewing of pornography, harassing behavior, and/or posting of inflammatory or threatening messages.

5. Users will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files.

6. Users agree not to incur any costs for the library through their use of the Internet service.

7. Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses over the Internet.

8. Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, or programs.

9. Users discovered to be in violation of the guidelines stated above may have Internet privileges revoked and/or may be referred to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

D. Visitor Passes

A visitor pass may be issued to an adult 18 years of age or older for access to the Internet. The person must present a photo ID with proof of residency outside of Chippewa County. Children may be issued a visitor pass for homework purposes only. Visitors must abide by the Library's Internet Use Policy.

E. Wireless Internet

1. Introduction:
Wi-Fi (short for Wireless Fidelity) provides Internet access to persons using a wireless capable device. This free service provided by the Bloomer Public Library is available during library service hours. Patrons who use their own hardware for email and Internet access free up library computers for people who vitally need this service. Time limits imposed on the library's public access computers do not apply to wireless users.

2. Technical Requirements:
Patrons need a notebook/laptop computer or other wireless device with wireless capability. Individuals need to know how to use their wireless device's configuration software to connect to the wireless network. Due to liability issues, library staff

members are not allowed to configure patrons' laptops or handheld computers or install any devices or software on those computers.

3. Assistance:
   Library staff members are not able to provide technical assistance, and no guarantee can be made that patrons will be able to make a wireless connection. The only assistance the library staff will provide is to make available the user name and password necessary to access the wireless network.

4. Computer Use Policy:
   Those choosing to use the Bloomer Public/G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library's WiFi service are subject to the responsibilities and limitations outlined in the library's computer use policy. The library reserves the right to end an individual's WiFi session when his/her computer use creates an atmosphere inappropriate for a public library setting, or when the individual is otherwise in violation of the library's computer use policy.

5. Security of Data:
   The Bloomer Public/G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent to and from a WiFi device may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and appropriate software. Virus, security and privacy protection are not provided by the library. Responsibility for the safety and security of an individual's data files, computer or other wireless device configurations and all personal equipment rests with the individual and will not be assumed by the library.

6. Limits of Access:
   WiFi users may not access library printers. Access to the library's electrical outlets may be limited.