



GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Government of Guam



- Because customers are the decision-makers in using the Internet, by making individual choices, I am responsible for complying with all age and other restrictions governing access to specific sites as required by content providers. Some commercial sites on the Internet require a fee. These fees and compliance with the rules governing these sites are the sole responsibility of the library user, not GPLS.
- In no event shall GPLS be liable for lost assets or for any direct or indirect special, punitive, or consequential damages or any liability to any third party, even if the library is advised of the possibility of such damages, arising from use of its connection to the Internet.
- The use of a public access computer at any facility owned or operated by GPLS is considered acceptance of its Internet use policies.
- Internet use on the PAC stations is not allowed.
- All patrons under the age of 10 must have their parents complete an authorization form to have access to library Internet stations.
- An ADA compliant workstation is provided for use by patrons with low vision and/or deafness or in need of wheelchair access.

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GPLS Internet Use Policy 2007

- A GPLS Library card or picture ID is required in exchange for use of any workstation.
- GPLS assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the user data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of privacy in the user's account, programs or files.
- I have the opportunity to ask for clarification from library personnel if I have any questions or comments.
- I will limit my computer use time to 30 minutes if another patron is waiting to use the Internet and to 60 minutes if no one is waiting.
- I will relinquish computer use for at least 1 hour after signing out.
- The Internet is unstructured and unregulated. I am aware that the content on the Internet may not necessarily be verified as accurate, current, appropriate or legal and that users are solely and personally responsible for their use of this resource.
- Internet computers are in public areas in GPLS libraries. By agreeing to the GPLS Internet Use Guidelines at the beginning of each session, I accept responsibility and acknowledge that some sites may reasonably be deemed offensive to other library customers and images on the screen may be viewed by a wide audience. Not all content on the Internet is appropriate for viewing by all library customers. Library users may be asked to discontinue accessing sites or engaging in other Internet behavior that others may find inappropriate.

- A work protected by copyright law may not be copied without permission of the copyright owner unless the proposed use falls within the definition of "fair use". I am responsible for compliance with all state, national and international laws governing copyrighted materials.
- Prohibited behavior includes the use of library computers for unauthorized access, including hacking, spamming and other unlawful activities.
- I am not permitted to invade the privacy of other people or intrude upon their rights. Harassment of library staff or other individuals is prohibited.
- Other prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to, damaging or disrupting computer resources and networks; changing the settings and configurations of public access computers; use of non-library software on library computers; use of library computers for chat, game playing and audio and video downloads.
- The nature of the Internet requires users to exercise critical thinking skills to determine if the content is truthful, relevant and appropriate. Parents and legal guardians may need to provide guidance for their own children including discussion of their family values.
- GPLS does not serve in loco parentis (in place of a parent). Library staff will not provide extensive supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with their parents or legal guardians, who should instruct their children never to give out personal information (including name, address, password, telephone number and credit card information) online.

- The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not protect all content. No GPLS public access computer may be used to view or display obscenity, child pornography or other illegal content. The legal status of any particular content can be determined only by a court of law with proper jurisdiction.
- GPLS provides filtered access to the Internet in accordance with the federal CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) mandate. Adults, defined as being 17 years and older by federal law, may request that library staff disable the CIPA filter during their Internet session.
- Misuse of a public access computer will result in the loss of computer privileges, potential loss of library privileges and possible legal action.
- The availability of information does not constitute endorsement of the content by GPLS. Users who choose to use the Internet as an information resource do so at their own risk. Not all sources provide information that has been verified to be accurate, complete, current or legal. GPLS does not monitor, and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and is not responsible for its content. The library system has no means or statutory authority to assure that only constitutionally protected material is available on the Internet. The authority to determine what is legal and what is illegal rests with others.
- Although a federally-mandated content filtering program has been implemented on GPLS Internet computers, no known filtering program is one hundred percent (100%) effective. Words, images or sounds that may be considered inappropriate or offensive by an individual may not be blocked. Conversely, the same filter may block other constitutionally-protected information that a library user may wish to access.