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Internet filtering software is utilized by the Library and is designed to block content harmful to minors. The Library cannot guarantee, and therefore does not assume responsibility for, the reliability or accuracy of the filtering software. Any adult Library patron who is unable to access a lawful website that is not harmful to minors may request Library staff to unblock access to that website. Library staff shall respond to requests regarding the filtering software promptly.

Use of the Library's internet, computers, laptops, or other electronic devices may be suspended or revoked pursuant to the procedures set forth in the NBPL Use Policy (NBPL 1), available on the Library's website, if the user engages in any activity that violates any applicable law, rule, regulation, or policy. Materials obtained or copied on the Library's computers or over the Library's internet may be subject to copyright laws. Library patrons assume all risk associated with his or her use of the Library's internet, computers, laptops, or other electronic devices. The Library is not responsible for any misuse of the Library's internet or the Library's computers, laptops, or other electronic devices.

### The Internet and Children

As with other Library materials, parents, and guardians of children, not the Library, are responsible for their children's use of the internet. While it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to establish rules for their children's use of the internet, the Library has taken steps to assist parents and guardians in this task. The Library has installed internet filtering software on all public

computers that is designed to prevent content harmful to minors from being accessed. This service has proven to be reliable in blocking such material from appearing on these devices.

However, due to the fact that some content providers deliberately attempt to thwart blocking programs, some children seek to overcome blocking programs, and because the filtering software may not recognize all content that should be blocked, the Library does not guarantee that content harmful to minors will not be accessed by children. Appropriate use of the Library's internet must be the responsibility of parents and guardians. Parents are encouraged to read <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online> and view the resources for parents and guardians at <http://www.netismartz.org/Parents>.

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