



## **Internet Safety Policy**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

It is the policy of the Gardiner Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

### **DEFINITIONS**

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

### **ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter the Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, child pornography, or any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to the Library Director's authorization, technology protection measures may be disabled for employees or minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes in the case of minors.

### **INAPPROPRIATE NETWORK USAGE**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of RCLS online computer network users when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called



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'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.