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The Orland Park Public Library (OPPL) welcomes the community and strives to provide a safe haven for patrons using the facility and the materials within. To that end, OPPL filters Internet access to computers in the youth and teen areas to prevent access to inappropriate websites. Only children 17 and under are permitted to use computers in these areas. Adults unaccompanied by children may not use these computers. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using computers in these areas. The library does not filter Internet access to computers in the adult computer area. Only adults ages 18 and older are permitted to use these computers. The library supports the American Library Association's Bill of Rights which is set forth below. Furthermore, state and federal courts recognize that public libraries are "the quintessential locus of the receipt of information" and the right to some level of access to a public library is constitutionally protected under the First Amendment right to receive information. The library is currently reviewing legal issues regarding adult computer use. Once this review is complete, members of the library board and staff will review policies and procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with applicable law. We thank the community for its continued support.

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services. I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation. II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment. IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas. V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views. VI. Libraries that make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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