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The Carson City Library will provide filtering software on computers in the children and young adult areas in an attempt to limit access to age-appropriate Internet sites by minor children to the extent that is feasible given technical requirements and support.

However, the Carson City Library cannot guarantee that filtering technology will successfully block all inappropriate sites. Such controls cannot be absolutely foolproof. Parents and guardians must ultimately accept responsibility for determining appropriate use of the Internet by their minor children. Any restriction of the minor child's access to the Internet remains the sole responsibility of the parent, guardian, or caregiver.

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE INTERNET ON CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT COMPUTERS

In order to provide flexible Internet access to young people, the Carson City Library restricts access to children's and young adult computers to minor children (under 18) and their accompanying parents or guardians.

Minor children (17 and under) may use filtered workstations without parental permission.

Parents are encouraged to guide their minor child's use of the Internet and to read *Child Safety on the Information Highway* (Please see the website: www.safekids.com), produced jointly by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Interactive Services Association.

Resources available on youth computers include the Internet, Microsoft Office and pre-loaded games. Use of youth computers is on a first-come basis. No advance reservations will be taken. Youth patrons are limited to two (2) one-hour (1 hour) sessions of computer use per day.