

## **Grand Rapids Area Library**

### **13 ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SOURCES**

In keeping with its mission, the library will provide access to a variety of electronic information sources. In keeping with its commitment to the Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association, filtering of computers will be kept to the minimum level to comply with federal and Minnesota law.

#### **13.1 Children's right to access the Internet**

The policy on children's right to access library resources applies to children's use of the Internet. In keeping with the Children's Internet Protection Act and Minnesota State Law, library Internet access will be filtered as to access to illegal and pornographic materials. Such filters do not guarantee that information accessed will be appropriate to the needs of children. For that reason, children sixteen years of age or younger must have the permission of parent or guardian to use computers outside of the Children's Department.

#### **13.2 Provision of free access to information in electronic format**

In order to provide free access to information the library will maintain a predetermined daily free use time allowance for patrons, and allow staff to make special arrangements for extended use for research, off-campus class activities, and access for senior citizens and the visually impaired.

#### **13.3 Equity in access**

In order to provide equity in access to Internet computers, the library may enforce time limits and impose charges for use after a predetermined period of time each day.