

CHILDREN'S COMPUTER USE POLICY  
ADOPTED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

**PARENTS! PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU ARE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT OR SOFTWARE!**

NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM AT THE COMPUTERS OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE LIBRARY.

IT IS THE PARENT/CUSTODIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE CHILDREN'S USE OF THE INTERNET.

THE CHILDREN'S AREA OFFERS FREE PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMPUTERS PROVIDING GAMES, EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE, AND INTERNET. USE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMPUTER IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LIBRARY'S INTERNET POLICY.

IT IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/CUSTODIANS, **NOT LIBRARY STAFF**, TO MONITOR THEIR CHILDREN'S USE OF THE COMPUTERS. CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS ALLOW ACCESS TO GAMES AND FILTERED INTERNET. ALTHOUGH FILTERING IS USED, IT CANNOT SCREEN OUT ALL INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL.

SOFTWARE FOR CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS IS CHOSEN WITH PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN IN MIND. ONLY CHILDREN AGES 3-11 MAY USE THE CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS. PARENTS/CUSTODIANS MUST STAY AT THE COMPUTER WITH THEIR 5 AND UNDER CHILD. IF THEY NEED HELP READING OR FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS OR HAVE LITTLE COMPUTER EXPERIENCE, AN ADULT OR OLDER, RESPONSIBLE SIBLING MUST SIT WITH THEM.

PERMISSION FORMS FOR THE CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IN THE PRESENCE OF LIBRARY STAFF.

CHILDREN MUST BE SIGNED IN AT THE CIRCULATION DESK.

COMPUTER TIMES WILL END HALF AN HOUR BEFORE CLOSING TIME. COMPUTERS MAY BE TURNED OFF DURING CHILDREN'S LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

CHILDREN'S COMPUTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. COMPUTER TIME IS AVAILABLE IN 1-HOUR BLOCKS. IF NO ONE ELSE IS WAITING, ADDITIONAL TIME MAY BE GRANTED AT LIBRARY STAFF'S DISCRETION.

MISBEHAVIOR WILL MEAN BEING ASKED TO LEAVE. MISBEHAVIOR INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LOUD VOICES AND/OR ROWDY BEHAVIOR, TOO MANY PEOPLE AT A COMPUTER, OR ABUSE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

**USER/PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN FORM**  
**INTERNET/GAME USER AGREEMENT (FOR PATRONGS 3-11)**

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD MUST BE 3-11 YEARS OF AGE TO USE THE GAME/INTERNET COMPUTERS.
2. I AGREE TO REPORT ANY HARDWARE OF SOFTWARE PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY TO THE LIBRARY STAFF.
3. I WILL NOT DISPLAY OR DOWNLOAD ANY GRAPHIC MATERIALS THAT WOULD BE OFFENSIVE.
4. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE ALLOWING ME INTERNET ACCESS/GAME PRIVILEGES IS SOLELY FOR MYSELF AND THAT NO ONE ELSE MAY PARTICIPATE WITH ME OTHER THAN MY PARENT/CUSTODIAN.
5. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FAILURE ON MY PART TO COMPLY WITH THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE GUIDELINES GIVEN MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF MY LIBRARY INTERNET/GAME ACCESS PRIVILEGES.

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AS THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE 11 AND UNDER CHILD ABOVE, I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR HIM/HER TO ACCESS THE INTERNET/GAMES COMPUTERS AT THE MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCURRED FEES AND DAMAGES TO THE EQUIPMENT AND/OR SOFTWARE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIBRARY CANNOT MONITOR INTERNET SITES, AND THAT IF I DESIRE INTERNET MONITORING FOR MY CHILD, IT WILL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SUCH MONITORING AS REQUIRED.

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_