

MASON COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY INTERNET ACCESS FOR CHILDREN PERMISSION FORM

**PUBLIC ACCESS WORKSTATIONS ARE PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO LIBRARY
USERS**

The library requires that all patrons under the age of 18 have a **valid library registration** and **written approval (through this form) from a parent or guardian** for accessing the internet through the library's computers.

It is the library's policy that access to certain internet sites (such as chat rooms and 'adult sites') is not permitted. While the library's computers are **filtered**, the library cannot guarantee that ALL inappropriate sites will be filtered or that any site which may be offensive to any person will be blocked. The library may monitor what websites are visited and may restrict or deny the use of the computer in cases where library rules for internet use have been broken

Please take a moment, with your child, to review the safety rules below, as well as the library's internet access rules on the reverse side of this form.

Please PRINT child's full name – including middle name
Has my permission to use the Mason County District Library's computers to access the internet.

Please PRINT parent/guardian name

Please SIGN parent/guardian name

10 RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING ON THE SUPER HIGHWAY (from the office of the Michigan Attorney General)

1. Always ask your parents' permission before using your full name, address, telephone number or school name anywhere on the internet.
2. Always tell your parents or guardian if you see something online that you know is wrong or that makes you feel uncomfortable.
3. Don't respond to messages that make you feel uncomfortable or uneasy.
4. Never give out a credit card number or password online.
5. Never send out your picture without your parents' permission.
6. Be careful when someone offers you something for nothing, such as gifts or money.
7. Don't ever except a gift or an offer that involves someone visiting your house.
8. Never arrange to meet someone you have met online in person unless you discuss it with your parents and an adult goes with you.
9. Talk to you parents to set up rules about going online. Decide with them the best time of day to be online, the length of time to be online, and appropriate areas to visit.
10. Get to know your "online friends" just as you get to know all of your other friends. Be sure that you are dealing with someone that you and your parents know and trust before giving out any personal information about yourself via email.

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET WORKSTATIONS

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET WORKSTATIONS ARE PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY AS A SERVICE TO LIBRARY USERS. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR USE, THE FOLLOWING RULES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED:

1. You **MUST** sign up at the main desk to use the internet workstations, and **ONLY** the person signed up may use the computer during the period reserved.
2. These computers are for accessing the internet, World Wide Web, email, and selected services. In compliance with federal law these computers are filtered.
3. The library staff will assist wherever possible, but will not be expected to provide basic computer training or Internet tutoring.
4. Access to "Adult Sites" is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. The library randomly monitors workstations to assure compliance with this rule. Attempting to 'hack' into the library's network, mis-using the computers or engaging in loud, disruptive or inappropriate behavior is not permitted.
5. Patrons under the age of 18 **MUST** have a valid library registration and **WRITTEN APPROVAL** from parent/guardian to use these computers.
6. Patrons under the age of 8 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult the entire time they are using the computer.
7. The computer may be reserved on a first come first served basis. A reserved block of time equals 60 minutes.
8. Once the original reserved time has expired and there are no other patrons waiting to use the computers, a patron may request additional time. A patron may reserve only one 60 minute block of time a day.
9. Printing is available – please ask for Assistance. Black and White laser printing is free for the first 5 pages – then \$0.10 per page for additional page. Color printing is available at \$0.20 per page for **each page printed**.
10. **THE LIBRARY STAFF IS THE SOLE JUDGE OF THESE RULES – PATRONS NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES MAY BE RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED FROM USING THESE COMPUTERS.**

**YOUR USE OF THE LIBRARY'S INTERNET WORKSTATIONS CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE
OF THESE RULES AND CONDITIONS**