

APPENDIX C

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

INTERNET USE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to insure the best use of and access to the Internet for the greatest number of our patrons. In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Johnson County Library provides access to the Internet through its public use terminals.

The Library has no control over the information accessed and cannot be held responsible for the content or quality of the information retrieved. All internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all users, with the understanding that it is the individual's responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others and appropriate conduct while using Johnson County Library resources and facilities.

Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials or to access materials which by local standards would be obscene.

SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S USE

It is the Library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a minor child and sign a permission form before the child can use the Internet. There will be some resources, which parents may feel are inappropriate for their children. Parents should let their children know if there are materials which they do not want them to use. **LIBRARY STAFF WILL NOT SUPERVISE MINORS' USE OF THE INTERNET. Parents are encouraged to supervise their child's Internet sessions.**

CHOOSING AND EVALUATING SOURCES

The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and information content. Library patrons use it at their own risk. **The Library does not provide filters to protect users from materials they may find offensive.** As with printed information, not all sources of the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users should evaluate Internet sources just as they do printed publications, questioning the validity of the information.

RULES GOVERNING USE

1. Check in at the front desk before using the Internet
2. Computer sessions are 1 (one) hour
3. Computer sessions are limited to 1 (one) session per day
4. Children under 17 must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian on file at the Library before Internet use will be granted
5. The Library is not responsible for any fees incurred by use of the Internet
6. Printing costs are 15 cents per page

TERMINATION OR PROHIBITION OF USER ACCESS

1. Intentional destruction of or changing files
2. Intentional damage to computer equipment or software
3. Use for illegal activity, access of illegal materials or access to materials which by local standards would be obscene
4. Any other reason deemed necessary by Library staff

I have read the above policy and give my child _____ permission to use the Internet.

Parent/Guardian signature

Printed Name

I agree to use the Internet in accordance with the above stated policy and guidelines and those posted in the Library. The posted policy shall govern over past policies.

Date _____