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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OPLIN)

INTRODUCTION

Integral to the mission of the library is meeting the informational needs of the diverse population in Pickaway County. The library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services to meet these needs. It is within this context that the Pickaway County District Public Library offers access to the Internet via the Ohio Public Library Information Network. (OPLIN)

DISCLAIMER

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INTERNET ACCESS GUIDELINES

The library employs the use of filtering software to assist in prohibiting access to material that is obscene, contains child pornography, or is harmful to minors and to comply with federal law. However, users should be aware that the nature of the Internet precludes any filtering software from being fully effective. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or access by their children. Parents or guardians may restrict their children from access to Internet resources. The library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet computer jargon, or personal computer use. Staff may, however, be able to provide "search" suggestions and answer questions.

INTERNET USE POLICY

1. First time users must register to use the Internet; they will sign and can choose to receive an e-mailed copy or a hard copy of this policy at that time.
2. Parents of children under 18 may register their children for the Internet. To register, each child must have his or her own library card. In addition, children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
3. Internet users must have a valid library card and must use their own card to access the computers.
4. Registered users must log onto the computer by entering their library card number and pin number.
5. Internet use is limited only if there is a waiting list. Subject to library hours, the minimum computer time in the Children's area is one-half hour and in the Adult area it is one hour.
6. Computers are normally available, subject to periodic maintenance, during library hours.
7. Users may use their own portable media devices, such as floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, and Flash Drives, on the computers.

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8. Printers are provided for public use, check with library staff for current printing costs. Users are responsible for payment of all pages generated. The only exception is when the equipment malfunctions.
9. No more than 2 people may use a computer at one time.
10. Display of sexually explicit graphics is prohibited.
11. Display or transmission of profane, abusive, or threatening language is prohibited.
12. Unauthorized copying of copyright protected material is prohibited.
13. Violating any local, state, or federal statute is prohibited.
14. Destruction or damage of equipment due to willful misuse will result in legal action.
15. Willful removal of any part of the computer will be considered theft and will result in legal action.

I understand that failure to follow this policy and guidelines will result in loss of Internet privileges and may result in loss of library privileges. I further understand that it may also result in legal action. By registering to use the Internet, I hereby agree to abide by this policy and guidelines. In the case of a minor child (under 18), I agree to allow my child or ward to search the Internet.

BY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS DOCUMENT.

NAME (SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

NAME (PRINT PLEASE)

NAME OF MINOR CHILD (PRINT)

ADULT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

EXTRA YOUNG ADULT (12-17) ACCESS:
(Initial on the lines you want your child to be able to access)

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES: _____
(MySpace, Facebook, Bebo, etc)

YouTube: _____
(May contain R-Rated material)