



## Internet Permission Form for Minors

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

**White County Regional Library System makes the Internet available to all library users. However, library policy states that minors using public access computers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For minors 16-17 years old, an Internet permission form signed by a parent or guardian allows unaccompanied use of the library's public access computers.** The Internet is an important resource toward meeting our mission of providing citizens with current information, educational materials, and lifelong learning opportunities. For children and youths the Internet can offer many benefits, including homework help, assistance with science research projects, college information, job applications, as well as access to numerous educational websites. In addition, computer literacy is an important skill for children to learn, and use of the library's computers will assist in this training.

**The White County Regional Library System is concerned about providing a safe Internet environment for your children.** In an effort to protect children from offensive sites, the library uses Internet filtering software to restrict access to web pages that transmit images or information that is pornographic or illegal. In addition, White County Regional Library System has initiated a program whereby you, as parent or legal guardian, must sign a permission form before your children (ages 16-17) will be allowed Internet access without you being present. We believe you should be responsible for setting and conveying the standards that your children will follow when using the Internet and other media resources.

**White County Regional Library System suggests that you discuss Internet safety issues with your children.** Parents should review the library's Computer Use Policy. Copies may also be obtained at any library branch or under the Service tab, listed as Acceptable Use Policy on the library website [www.whitecountylibraries.org](http://www.whitecountylibraries.org). In addition to reviewing these documents, we suggest discussing the following topics with your children:

- While the library uses a filter to block inappropriate material, no filter is perfect and the library cannot guarantee that all objectionable websites will be restricted.
- Your children should never give personal information (such as name, address, phone number, school, etc) on the Internet.

**White County Regional Library System asks that you sign an "Internet Permission Form" for your children ages 16-17 who plan to use the library's public access computers without you being present.** You must decide whether your children have the judgment, maturity, and training to use the Internet wisely and safely. A signed form (attached) plus a Library Card will be required before any minor (ages 16-17) is allowed to access the Internet. If you are unable to come into the library, please return the permission form with your child and government photo ID (a photocopy is acceptable).

We care about your kids.

**White County Regional Library System  
Internet Permission Form**

I hereby give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

to access the Internet at any White County Public Library branch.

Child's Library Card # \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the White County Regional Library System's Computer Use Policy and grant permission for my child or charge of the age 16 or 17 to use the Internet and computers at the library. I accept full responsibility for my child or charge, including setting or enforcing standards to be followed with selection, sharing, or exploring information. This responsibility includes monitoring minor's computer usage should I not want him/her to access material on the internet. I recognize also that this permission may be revoked or suspended if library staff determines that the minor has violated the library's Computer Use Policy.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Library Staff Member \_\_\_\_\_