

THE SOUTHWORTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM FOR INTERNET USE BY PERSONS 17 YEARS AND UNDER

The Library affirms the right and the responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources.

The Internet is a completely unregulated medium. Access to the Internet enables access to all materials on the Internet, some of which may be offensive, disturbing or illegal, and not suitable for viewing or participation, by minors.

The Library cannot control or monitor access to particular materials on the Internet. A signed parental permission form means that you have agreed to the Conditions and Terms of Use in the Library.

I have read the above policy statement and warning, and I hereby:

- a.) Permit the child named below to access the Internet via facilities of the Southworth Library Association.
- b.) Assume responsibility for the use made of the Internet by the child;
- c.) Agree to ensure that my child understands the Library rules regarding Internet usage in the Library (printed on the back of this form);
- d.) Waive any claim which I might have in my own name or on behalf of my child against The Southworth Library Association, or their agents, representatives or employees by reason of use made of or access to the Internet by my child via the facilities of the Library.

PRINT Name of Child _____ Date of Birth _____

Library Card Number _____ Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Please PRINT PARENT'S Name & Address _____

Accepted by The Southworth Library Association _____

Today's Date _____

(USE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD)

Access to Internet Resources

The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe. It enhances the library's existing collection in size and depth.

Currently, however, the Internet is an unregulated medium. As such, while it offers access to a wealth of materials that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, or illegal. It is not possible to apply the same selection criteria that are used for other materials. The Library cannot control or monitor the vast amount of material that may be accessible from Internet sources. Individual users and/or parents must accept responsibility for determining the reliability, suitability, and appropriateness of Internet content.

1. Patrons with valid Southworth Library cards may use the Internet.
2. Anyone 17 years old and under must have a parent sign a user agreement form which will be filed at the library.
3. Users sign on to use the Internet station at the circulation desk.
4. New users are required to read and accept the Internet Policy prior to getting on the computer.
5. There is a \$0.10 charge for each black and white page printed and a \$0.25 charge for each color page printed.
6. Accessing pornography is forbidden.
7. There is a 30-minute time limit for Internet users. Extensions are available. All computers are turned off 15 minutes prior to closing.
8. Patrons may not tamper with, edit, alter, damage, or change locations or configurations of the programs, files, or documents on the computer.
9. Patrons may not install, download, or save any software, programs, or file onto the hard drive.

Non-compliance with this policy will be grounds for revocation of Internet usage and possibly for suspension of library privileges.

In-Library Access

Ensuring equal access to electronic resources to those who have private access is part of the Southworth Library's strategic plan. Public access to Internet workstations at the library are provided as a measure of the library's commitment to ensuring equal access to all.

The Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources. While the library will make every effort to ensure the use of the Internet is consistent with the Missions Statement and library policy, parents are encouraged to work closely with their children in selecting materials that are consistent with family values and boundaries.

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