

## WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Internet Usage Policy

Internet usage of public access computers is available during normal library hours to holders of Merlin cards who have signed an Internet User Contract. Usage is restricted to half-hour periods if another person is waiting for the computer. Usage is also restricted to people 12 years of age and older. Children under 18 must have written parental consent. The Winchester Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population, and library patrons use it at their own discretion.

All Internet resources accessible through the library are provided equally to all library patrons. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions.

THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY for any losses or damage to data files, software files, or computer hardware or for any injury or loss that may result from the use of information, software or data files obtained from our Library's computers.

Patrons may use the printers for a minimal donation to help cover the cost of paper, toner, and printer maintenance.

THE INTERNET CREATION OR SPREAD OF A COMPUTER VIRUS OR THE VIOLATION OF COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, LIBEL OR SLANDER OR ANY OTHER LAWS INCLUDING ANOTHER'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY WHILE USING THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ANY WINCHESTER LIBRARY USER WHO ENGAGES IN ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTS WILL IMMEDIATELY LOSE HIS/HER INTERNET PRIVILEGES AND WILL BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IF THE ACT(S) CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF LAW.

## INTERNET USAGE AGREEMENT:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name), have received the Internet Usage information provided by the Winchester Public Library and have read and understood this information.

I further acknowledge that the Winchester Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.

I agree to follow all rules and regulations, implied or stated, in the Internet Usage documents. I realize that not following these may result in loss of internet privileges. I further acknowledge and agree that the Winchester Public Library assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the user's data or for any damage or injury arising from the invasion of privacy in the user's computer accounts, programs, or files.

User Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

IF UNDER AGE 18, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE APPROVED THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS AGREED TO BY THE MINOR.

I, as a parent or guardian, assume responsibility for the above named child in the use of the Library Internet Access computer. I am aware that my child may access material in any absence that may be inappropriate. I have discussed the Internet Usage Guidelines with my child.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign two copies if you wish to keep a copy for yourself. One copy will be held on file at the Library.