

7. For many library staffpersons, traveling the Internet is a new experience. Others have more experience. In all cases, we will be glad to assist you in accessing the Internet, and as our experience grows, attempt to assist you in getting to the right place on the "information superhighway." However, library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the Internet or personal computer use. We may be able to offer searching suggestions, but because of library scheduling, Internet trained staff may not always be available.

Bell Co. Public Library System

INTERNET ACCESS POLICY



Date: _____
Signature of Customer: _____
Print
Name: _____
Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (work)
Library Card Number: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Signature of Person Assuming Contractual Responsibility For User (if user is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign this agreement): _____ has read the above and agrees to its content, and permits the library customer named above to have:

_____ Unlimited Access to the Internet
_____ Use of Internet Only When I
Accompany Him/Her To The Library

For Library Use Only:

Adult User: _____ Juvenile/Unrestricted: _____
Juvenile Restricted _____

Internet resources are provided equally to all persons with a valid library card from the Bell Co. Public Library System. However, all users will be required to sign an Internet User Agreement Form, and library customers under the age of 18 will need to have a parent or legal guardian sign the agreement. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege. Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- * Violation of computer system integrity
- * Unauthorized tempering with computer hardware or software
- * Violation of another user's privacy
- * Transmission of threatening, obscene, or harassing materials
- * Sending or receiving e-mail via the library's computer (other than via a Web-based e-mail provider)
- * Using software programs which fall outside the provisions of this policy*
- * Employing the network for commercial purposes

*Users may not bring their own software for use on these computers. However, some course-specific programs will sometimes be required by instructors. In those cases, educational/ instructional software may be used. We cannot guarantee that your software will be compatible with our hardware, however. Computer games and other entertainment software are not permitted.

The library system does not censor your access to materials or protect you from information you might find offensive. There is sexually explicit material and other information resources which you may personally find controversial or inappropriate. Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet. The library will not 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 risk. However, displaying sexually explicit material in public constitutes sexual harassment, and violators will lose privileges to access the Internet and may be subject to prosecution.

Internet Access Policy:

- All users must have signed an Internet User Agreement Form
- Persons who are under the age of 18 must also have signed permission of a parent or legal guardian which gives either unlimited access to the Internet or access only in the presence of that parent or guardian.
- There is a 1 hr. time limit for computer use, renewable for 1 additional hour except when others are waiting. In that case, the user who has had access longer than others currently using the equipment and, who have already had access for at least 1 hour, may be asked to exit the workstation, with 5 minutes' warning.
- Reservations are available. Persons who arrive late will forfeit that portion of their appointment. Persons who are more than 15 minutes late may forfeit their entire use period. Only single bookings are permitted.
- You will need to ask a librarian if you need to save files (or word processor documents.) Bring your own disk, formatted for an IBM compatible computer, if you wish to save files. (We do not guarantee that material downloaded is virus-free.) If you do not have a disk, you may purchase one from us.
- Only one person at a time may be at the computer, unless the user is a juvenile restricted to parental accompaniment, and then a parent may be at the terminal with the juvenile.
- Paper printouts are \$.15 per page for black & white, or \$.25 for color.
- The library reserves the right to modify these policies as needed.
- Nonresidents desiring temporary Internet access must complete a Temporary Internet User Agreement Form and provide appropriate identification.

Bell Co. Public Library System Internet Use Agreement

In order to be provided access to the Internet connection at either of the Bell Co. Public Libraries, you must read and sign the following. Signing the following signifies agreement to the terms and conditions herein.

I, the below signed patron (or parent of underage patron) understand and agree to the following:

1. The Internet is a free medium—no control is exercised by the Bell Co. Public Library or any other entity over its content.
2. The Internet contains material which some people may find offensive.
3. I, the patron (or parent of an underage Internet user), am solely responsible for my (or my child's) use of the Internet, for any material which may be sent, and for any material retrieved.
4. I agree to hold the Bell Co. Public Library System and its Internet carrier blameless for any material, or lack of material, I (or my underage child) may find on the Internet.
5. I understand that the reliability of information contained in Internet sources varies widely. It is the patron's responsibility to verify the accuracy of recovered information. I further understand that the patron, not the library or any other agency, is solely responsible for any use to which this information is put.
6. I understand that children need guidance in Internet use. I agree that it is the parent's responsibility to provide this guidance and not the libraries' or any other agency's. I understand that if the patron named below is a minor, a responsible adult parent or legal guardian must sign this form, and indicate whether the child may have unlimited access to the Internet, or may use the service only in the company of that adult parent or legal guardian, and that the Bell Co. Public Libraries will not attempt to censor or limit by child's access to Internet sources. **As the parent I am solely responsible for my child's use of the Internet, and agree to hold the Bell Co. Public Library System and its Internet carrier blameless for any information received by my underage child.**