



CHILD INTERNET SAFETY POLICY AND PERMISSION FORM

The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law enacted by Congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers. Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures that block or filter Internet access to sites that (a) are obscene; (b) contain child pornography; or (c) are harmful to minors under age 17 (for computers that are accessed by minors). **SMRL complies with CIPA: all Internet connected computers and the wireless connection are filtered. However, because filters may not catch and block all objectionable sites, parents/guardians are strongly urged to instruct their minor children on the hazards of using the Internet.**

Parents/guardians should:

- Instruct minors in SMRL Internet policy. Minors as well as adults must abide by SMRL’s Computer-Internet policy. No patrons using SMRL computers or the wireless network are allowed to visit sites that promote obscenity, pornography in any form, nudity, violence, illegal activities, or that in any way could be construed as harmful to minors.
 - SMRL does not block Facebook and other social websites, because many people use these sites for legitimate business and personal reasons. However, there is a real danger in providing personal information for anyone to view. Please use these guidelines to instruct your child:
 - Always ask your parents' permission before using your full name, address, telephone number, or school name anywhere on the Internet.
 - Always tell your parents or other adults you trust if you see something online that is scary or that you don't understand.
 - Don't respond to messages that make you feel uncomfortable or uneasy.
 - Never give out a credit card number or password online.
 - Never arrange to meet in person someone you've met online.
- SMRL asks that all patrons treat computers in a safe and responsible manner.

Parents/guardians are responsible for any misuse or damage to hardware or software on SMRL computers or network caused by their minor child.

PERMISSION AGREEMENT: I have read and agree to abide by the above policy. I give my permission to allow _____ (name of minor, must possess an SMRL library card) to use SMRL computers and to access the Internet.

Signed _____ (Must be a parent/legal guardian of this minor)

DATE: _____