

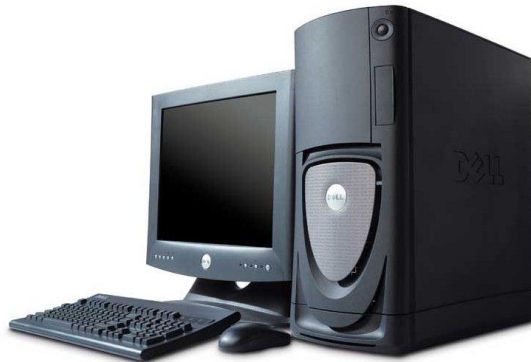
MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNET USE POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Mercer County Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the informational, recreational, and educational needs of Mercer County's community.

The Mercer County Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. As with other library materials, a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.



GUIDELINES:

- First time users will receive a copy of this policy and Internet access information to be signed by the user and parent/guardian (if under 18).
- The Internet computer is normally available, during library hours (subject to periodic maintenance).
- Use of the Internet computer is by appointment. You are limited to 1 hour per day unless no one else is scheduled. Reservations for the Internet computer can be made up to 1 week in advance.
- Sign in must be complete before entry in the Internet computer is allowed.
- Patrons must have library card with them to use the Internet computer.
- The Internet computer will be used for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only, not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes. You may not send, receive or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.

- Respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting yourself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
- You may not use your own software programs on the Library's Internet computer. This will prevent computer viruses that are common on public computers.
- Software downloaded from the Internet computer may contain a virus, and you should have virus checking software on your computer. The Mercer County Library is not responsible for damage to a patron diskette, flash drive or computer, or for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's computer.
- You will need to ask a librarian for a diskette if you wish to save files. Diskettes are available for 50 cents each. You may not use your own diskettes in order to prevent computer viruses.
- Printing of materials may be done at a cost of 15 cents per page.
- You may not always be able to go to the places on the Internet that you want to visit. The reason may be: too many visitors using the host computer, the database or resources is limited to a particular institution; the host computer has a different address or has closed down; or the Library's Internet connection is temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.
- Misuse of the Library's Internet computer or Internet access will result in loss of privileges for the Internet and the Internet computer.

INTERNET COMPUTER OPERATOR AUTHORIZATION

(TO BE KEPT ON FILE BY LIBRARY CARD NUMBER)

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DISCLAIMER:

It is understood by users of Mercer County Library and the Internet that most of the information available is not generated by the Mercer County District Library or OPLIN. The library, through OPLIN, provides access to reference databases of general and special periodical materials, readers' advisory services, homework centers to assist students with research assignments, and legislative, historical and archival materials and information.

Information available through OPLIN and the Internet is not warranted by the Mercer County Library or OPLIN to be accurate, authoritative, factual, or complete. The availability of networked information via the Mercer County Library does not constitute any endorsement or ratification of that information. The Mercer County Library and OPLIN are not responsible for the content of networked information available. The use of OPLIN and the Internet to engage in any activity which constitutes violation of local, state, and/or federal laws is strictly prohibited.

All users of this service agree to hold The Mercer County Library and OPLIN harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations, or liabilities, directly or indirectly relating to the use of OPLIN and the Internet, cause thereby or arising there from. In no event shall the Mercer County Library or OPLIN have any liability for lost profits or for indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages or any liability to such damages.

I understand and will abide by the Mercer County District Public Library Internet use policy. I further understand that any violation of this Internet use policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked; district disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Print User Name: _____ Library Card # _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____

(Must be signed and returned in person by Parent/Guardian)