

## Tonganoxie Public Library – Parental Permission Form

This policy is set forth by the Library Board of the Tonganoxie Public Library for Information Access and Internet Safety issues as they pertain to the Tonganoxie Public Library. In an effort to be responsive to our mission for excellent service we are committed to address and meet the informational needs of the people we serve.

The Library affirms the rights and responsibilities of parents or guardians to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources. **Parents and guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and accessed by their children.** Therefore, Parental permission is now required for the use of the Library Internet computers by children under the age of eighteen. The Library is not responsible, except as provided in this policy, for the use of the Internet by children who have obtained Parental Permission according to the procedures determined by the Library.

Using Library computer workstations in an inappropriate manner is prohibited. Members of the **Library staff are under no obligation to monitor Library computer workstation usage and accept no responsibility for investigating the manner in which those workstations are used.** When, however, a member of the Library staff observes a patron using a workstation in violation of the following subsections, the patron will be deemed using the workstation in an unacceptable manner, resulting in any or all of the following consequences:

1. Immediate termination of the Internet session.
2. Additional suspension of computer use or other Library use privileges.
3. Notification of appropriate law enforcement officials.

The World Wide Web does contain information that is unsuitable for children, as well as the public library. We ask that you speak with your children about the dangers of the Internet. Please stress to your children not to give out any personal information, such as name, address, phone number or his/her location to insure their safety while using the computer workstations.

Once this form is signed, your child's Library Patron Record will be marked to indicate if they have permission to use the Internet and this form will be kept on file.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I give my child permission to access the Internet at the Tonganoxie Public Library, including permission to use Chat Rooms.
- No, I do not give my child permission to access the Internet at the Tonganoxie Public Library for any reason whatsoever.

**The Library also has audiovisual materials within the collection with mature language and situations. Please circle to indicate what you will allow your child to check out:**

**R rated videos and DVDs?                      YES    NO**

**PG-13 rated videos and DVDs?                YES    NO**

**Music CDs labeled with explicit lyrics?    YES    NO**

Thank you for your cooperation and concern.

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