



## INTERNET USE AGREEMENT (OPTIONAL)

*I have read and understand and will abide by all stated conditions of the Ripon Public Library Internet Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations may result in loss of this and other Library privileges and that it may also constitute a criminal offense for which appropriate legal action may be taken.*

Applicant's Name (18+) (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name (18+) (sign & date) \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGN-OFF

*As the parent of the above applicant for use of the Ripon Public Library's Internet workstations, I have read the Ripon Public Library Internet Use Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes, but that the Library does not continually monitor users to see how it is being used. I will not hold the Ripon Public Library responsible for materials my child views or acquires on the network. I hereby give my child permission to use the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. I have read and understand and will abide by all stated conditions of the Ripon Public Library Internet Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations may result in loss of this and other Library privileges and that it may also constitute a criminal offense for which appropriate legal action may be taken.*

Parent / Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name (sign & date) \_\_\_\_\_

## Internet and Computer Use Policy

Internet access via public computer stations is made available to persons who agree to comply with the following guidelines by signing an *Internet Use Agreement Form*.

Users must have a valid Ripon Public Library card. Valid cards belong to the patron signed into the computer station and are not blocked, barred, in collections, expired, or otherwise unusable for checkout.

A user whose account has been referred to the library's collection agency per the Circulation Policy will not be allowed to use a computer until the amount owed has been paid in full and the collection status cleared.

Children under 18 years of age must have on file an *Internet Use Agreement Form* signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Internet stations are available to qualified users on a first-come, first served basis.

Illegal activity is prohibited on public computers.

Sending, receiving, and/or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be considered as pornographic are prohibited.

The display of threatening, harassing or abusive language and/or images is prohibited.

Any activity that interferes with the security and/or performance of the public computers and the library network is prohibited.

Users may not access the operating system or make any modifications to the hardware or software installed on public computers.

Filtering software is installed to help prevent users from connecting to pornographic and other prohibited sites. Users may request that the filter be turned off if it is blocking access to legitimate sites.

The library offers free wireless Internet access to persons with Wi-Fi capable devices. Applicable parts of this policy will be enforced for Wi-Fi users.

Library staff are available for assistance, but may not be familiar with every application or website that patrons want to use. In cases where in-depth instruction is needed, library staff will direct patrons to appropriate resources.

Information on the Internet is in a state of constant change and it is not possible for the library to control it. Policies which apply to library materials do not apply to the Internet. It is the responsibility of parents or legal guardians to monitor their children's use of the Internet and to determine what is appropriate.

Daily and per-session computer usage time may be limited. Computers automatically restart and any files saved on the local computer are deleted.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in loss of Internet access privileges.