

Hartford City Public Library Internet Policy

- **Required ID:** Users must present an Evergreen library card or picture ID.
- **Users must sign in on the Internet Usage Sheet, note the time, and indicate which computer they will be using.**
- **Internet users must be (13) years of age or older or be accompanied by a parent to use the internet on the main floor. Children, ages eight through twelve and unaccompanied by a parent, may access the internet in the Children's Room once a parent has signed a permission form.**
- **Use of library computers to display or disseminate sexually explicit or sexually suggestive (obscene or pornographic) materials is prohibited. Violators of this policy will be removed from the library and have their privileges permanently revoked.**
- **Social Media is allowed.**
- **CIPA filters are in place at all internet terminals.**
- **Time Limits:** Library staff members are authorized to limit or extend time as necessary. When all terminals are in use, and there are patrons waiting, individuals using a computer may be asked to give up their terminals after thirty minutes have elapsed.
- **Only one person per terminal is permitted in the area.**
- **When printing, click on "Print" only one time! You may then obtain your printed copies at the main circulation desk. The charge for printed items is \$.20 per page.**

INTERNET SAFETY

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

The Hartford City Public Library recognizes and honors our patron's rights to access materials on the internet. We believe there are many educational sites in addition to recreational sites. However, while librarians select printed materials for the library, they have no control over information on the internet. Therefore, we have implemented the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), passed in the U.S. Congress in 2000 and upheld by the Supreme Court in 2003. CIPA requires libraries receiving certain types of federal funding to equip all internet accessible computers with a technology protection that blocks or filters visual materials that are harmful to minors.

We recognize that filtering products do not control access to all materials that a patron might believe to be inappropriate. Likewise, filtering products may unintentionally block sites that have a legitimate research value and also fail to block all objectionable content. No filter product guarantees to block all objectionable internet sites, and, as a result, we do not guarantee total effectiveness of its filtering product.

For further protection, we recommend you monitor the websites used by your child. When this is not possible, a child, ages eight through twelve, may visit the Children's Room, without an adult, and use the Internet. This can occur once this form has been signed by a parent or guardian. The form will be filed in the Children's Room so that the child can continue to access the Internet without parental supervision. All computer users must follow the terms of the Internet Policy amended by the Library Board of Directors on May 21, 2014.

I give my child permission to use the computers in the Children's Room of the Hartford City Public Library.

Parent's Name (printed) _____ Signature _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____