Franklin County Library System provides Internet service to area residents to meet the cultural, informational, and recreational resource needs of our constantly changing communities.

Internet resources contain a wide variety of materials from varied points of view, including explicit and controversial items. Not all resources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity and usefulness of resources found. Franklin County Library System is not responsible for controlling access to sites, which often change on a daily basis. Each library customer is responsible for the sites that he or she reaches. Parents of minor children assume the responsibility for their children's Internet use in the library.

Franklin County Library System is not responsible for any loss of data or damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of Internet services.

PLEASE DO . . .

1. Always carry a library card or other I.D. A library card may be required to use public access computers.

2. Use Internet computers before the last 15 minutes that your library is open. This time is reserved for shutdown.

3. Be responsible for your children's Internet use. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should use designated computers. Youth between the ages of 10 and 15 may use designated computers on their own if a parent or legal guardian comes to the library and signs a permission slip for them. Teens over the age of 16 and carrying identification are treated as adults for registration purposes.

4. Respect the rights of other library patrons. Respect others' privacy, work quietly, and avoid viewing illegal materials. Since computer space may be limited, please be courteous when people need to move behind and around your workstation.

5. Please observe time limits. The length of Internet sessions in Franklin County Library System facilities may vary, so check with library staff for time limits. The library reserves the right to terminate any Internet session at any time.

6. Respect all copyright laws.

7. Download or print useful information as long as it can be completed during your Internet session. There is a small fee for printing and for blank diskettes.

8. Notify a staff member immediately if you find offensive materials on your assigned computer. Staff will help you correct the situation.

PLEASE DON'T . . .

1. Use Internet computers for illegal or commercial purposes.

2. Use library Internet computers in ways that disrupt network users, services, or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to, distribution of advertising, introduction of worms or viruses, or destruction of hardware.

3. Use the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine via the Internet.

a) Minors are not permitted to view inappropriate matter on the Internet.
b) Minors are not allowed to engage in unauthorized access (including hacking) or any other unlawful activities on the Internet.
c) Minors are prohibited from unauthorized disclosure of personal identification information on the Internet. Other users are prohibited from unauthorized disclosure, use of, or dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors on the Internet.
d) Other users must abide by measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to them on the Internet.
e) To ensure the safety and security of minors, staff members may prohibit a minor from using email, chat rooms, instant messaging, or other forms of direct electronic communications.
4. In addition to the above restrictions, and in accordance with the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (minors are individuals under age 18):

POLICY VIOLATIONS
First offense violations will normally result in termination of the current Internet session, and a current-day ban from Internet computers. A second offense violation will result in a three-month ban from all Franklin County Library System computers. For readmission to library Internet use the offender must provide valid photo ID, indicate understanding of Internet policies in writing, and sign an agreement with Franklin County Library System to adhere to the policy. Third offense will result in permanent banning of the offender from all Library System computers. Serious offenses may result in stronger measures.

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

You may not always be able to locate the sites or information you want on the Internet. You may be limited by:

The number of Internet visitors on library and other host computers, certain sites may be limited to a special group of users by licensing or other means, a site may have moved or closed down, or host computers may be temporarily out of service,

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR USE OF INTERNET COMPUTERS
Patrons from ages 10 to 15 must have a parent sign this form in person at the library.

I fully understand that there may be materials on the Internet that I may find objectionable for a variety of reasons. I also understand that the library cannot be responsible for protecting my

children from materials that I find objectionable.

I acknowledge that setting guidelines for appropriate use is my responsibility as a parent. However, the library does reserve the right to end an Internet session at any time. The library expects Internet patrons to respect the rights of other patrons to not be exposed to objectionable materials.

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, who is age _____, to use the Internet workstation at the library. Also, by signing this form, I certify that I have read and understand the Franklin County Library System Internet Use Policy.

I understand that to terminate my permission, I must contact the library in person.

Parental Signature:
Date:
Birth Date of Child:
Telephone Number:
Staff Initials:

Franklin County Library System:
Coyle Free Library
Grove Family Library
Lilian S. Besore Memorial Library
Saint. Thomas Library
Fort Loudon Library
FCLS Bookmobile

Any patron under the age of ten MUST have a responsible adult at their side to monitor proper use of the Internet workstation. The library will not allow patrons under the age of ten to use the Internet without supervision.