

SAFETY FIRST

Parents...make sure your child is safe on the internet.

The sites listed below will help you and your child make wise internet use decisions.

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ON THE INTERNET

www.safekids.com

Safekids.com, Kids Rules for Online Safety

www.ala.org/greatsites

ALA/ALSC Great Websites for Kids Links for safe sites.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/>
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INFORMATION

When you give a child his or her own library card you are giving that child access to a wide variety of library materials among which is the Internet.

Jesse Smith Library believes that the World Wide Web is one of the most useful sources for children's informational and recreational needs. Due to the sheer volume of websites, the constant change in sites and anonymity that the Internet provides, we know that not all information is accurate, complete, current, or in accordance with individual or community standards of good taste.

In accordance with ALA Library Bill of Rights, Jesse Smith Library does not restrict the use of any library materials or services, including Internet access, based on chronological age, educational level, or legal emancipation. As a member of OSL, the Jesse Smith Library does, in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), subscribe to filtering software on all public computers. However, this software may not conform to individual or family standards and so the library strongly recommends that parents educate themselves and their children as to the best methods to make safe and acceptable recreational and informational use of the internet.

Children ages 13 and younger have access to the computers in the Children's Department. Those who are 13 and older may use the YA computers or the ones in the adult section but are generally not allowed to use the computers in the Children's Department. Exceptions are made for young adults and adults who are working with a child on the computers or are waiting for a child who is enrolled in a library program in the Children's Program Room.

Anyone who wishes to access the Internet from a public computer in the Children's Department must present their own OSL card which is scanned into the computer at the Children's Services Desk. ***Parents wishing to restrict their children's access to the internet may do so by asking that a "No Internet Use" message be attached to their children's OSL cards.*** They can do this at the circulation desk on the main level and every time the card is scanned this message will appear and alert staff as to the parents' wishes. They may also retain possession of their children's cards but kids can purchase a new card for a dollar without the presence of their parents. The "No Internet Use" message will appear on each new card.

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to make decisions regarding their children's Internet use and to make staff aware of restrictions.

Library staff is always available to aid children and their families in their internet use.