

The University of Texas at Arlington Library Youth Borrower Card Application And Parental Consent for Youth Access to the Library

In keeping with increased computer security and the protection of minors in an open information environment, persons under the age of 18 who wish to access the computers in the Library and/or borrow books must file a completed Parental Consent Form with the Central Library Circulation Desk. This form serves as an application for a library card and gives permission for minors to register for a temporary computer account to access the Internet. Library's policies can be found at

<http://library.uta.edu/policies/circulation/>

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Today's Date _____

Youth's Name _____ Age _____
Last First MI

Youth's School _____ City _____ State _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Last First MI

Parent/Guardian Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Parent Driver's License Number & State _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail _____

Internet Use: The minor above has my permission to use and check out materials owned by the UT Arlington Library and to use the Internet in any of the UT Arlington Library branches. I understand that there is a variety of information available in the Library and that some of that information is of an adult nature. I understand that at the UT Arlington Library's policy of academic freedom means that Library use includes unfiltered and unmonitored access to the Internet.

Library Card: In order for a minor to obtain a UT Arlington Library card, a borrower's account will be created in the parent or guardian's name and the minor's account will be linked to the adult's account for billing and collection purposes. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my child's actions and for any fines or fees incurred by my child while using UT Arlington materials. I will not hold the UT Arlington Library or its staff responsible for the material my charge chooses to check out, use or view at the facilities. I am aware that this form is valid for the **current academic year** (Fall thru Summer).

I have read the above statements and the Library's Academic Freedom Statement and Internet Policy on the reverse side of this document. I understand my responsibilities and the responsibilities of my child.

I agree that by signing this document I assume full responsibility for any and all library materials charged out to my child and for any and all fines and fees that may accrue if such library materials are not returned by the due date stamped inside each book.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Present completed form along with applicant's photo ID at the Central Library Circulation Desk

You may be entitled to know what information UT Arlington (UTA) collects concerning you. You may review and have UTA correct this information according to procedures set forth in the UT System BMP#32. The law is found in sections 552.023 and 559.004 of the Texas Government Code.

Staff Use Only

____ Voyager

Staff Initials:

____ OIT Database

Date:

UT Arlington Library Academic Freedom Statement

A strong intellectual freedom perspective is critical to the development of academic library collections and services that wish to meet the needs of the entire academic community. The Library at the University of Texas at Arlington purchase information resources aimed at adult, university-related curricula. In the interest of research and learning, it is essential that we make available information that represents a variety of perspectives on subjects that may be considered controversial.

It is our policy not to act in loco parentis, in keeping with the principles of equal access to information and materials for all customers. Therefore, the UT Arlington Library does not restrict any customer, including children, from access to any type or class of materials or from any information in the Library. If a parent or guardian does not wish his or her child to access particular materials, the parent or guardian should discuss restrictions with his or her child in the context of their parent-child relationship.

UT Arlington Library Internet Policy

Information Philosophy: The University of Texas at Arlington Library respects the rights of users and ensures their means to have free and open access to ideas and information, which is fundamental to the learning process and the university experience. To this end, the UT Arlington Library will protect intellectual freedom, promote information literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and develop collections, resources, and services that meet the informational and educational needs of the University's diverse user community. The UT Arlington Library respects the users' rights to privacy in accessing information so long as users obey applicable policies and laws.

The Internet: The Internet, as an information resource, enables the UT Arlington Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collections. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the world. While the Internet offers a wealth of material that is personally, culturally, and professionally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, inaccurate, or illegal under U.S. law. The UT Arlington Library cannot police this global network and takes no responsibility for its content. Rather, each individual user must take responsibility for his or her own activities on the Internet.

The use of the Internet must be consistent with the mission of the UT Arlington Library, the policies of the University, and the laws of the State of Texas. These policies and laws include but are not limited to:

- UT Arlington's policy on sexual harassment, <http://www.uta.edu/eoaa/broc.html>
- UT Arlington's computer usage policy, <http://www.uta.edu/uta/wwwteam/citup.html>
- Chapter 43, section 21, subchapter B of the Texas Penal Code, referring to the display of obscene materials, <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/pe/pe0004300.html#pe007.43.21>
- The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (U.S. Copyright Office Summary), <http://www.loc.gov/copyright/legislation/dmca.pdf>

Access to the Internet over library computers is a privilege granted to users, and the Library reserves the right to suspend or amend this privilege if a user:

- Violates Texas obscenity laws
- Violates campus computer usage policies
- Harasses others, including but not limited to, sexual harassment
- Intentionally damages or destroys equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or to other users, including adding, altering, or deleting files on library workstations or other library computer equipment
- Copies materials protected by copyright law beyond the bounds of fair use
- Violates software or database license agreements
- Violates or attempts to violate computer system or network integrity, including attempts to bypass network security functions, obtain restricted passwords, or alter the configuration of library workstations in any way
- Uses the Internet for any illegal activity

The decision to suspend or limit a patron's use will be made at the discretion of the Dean of the Library. Use of the Library's workstations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.