

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**RESTRICTING ACCESS TO ONLINE MATERIAL
FOR MINORS POLICY**

Introduction

It is the policy of the St. Joseph Public Library (SJPL) to restrict minors from gaining computer access to material that is pornographic for minors in accordance with Sections 182.825 and 182.827, RSMo. SJPL defines a minor as being 17 years of age or younger.

Access to Inappropriate Material

SJPL does not grant access to public internet computers to minors under the age of 9. Public computer access for minors ages 9 to 17 is done with the consent and authorization of a minor's parent or legal guardian. See *310 – Internet Consent Form*.

All public access computers are equipped with software that limit a minor's ability to gain access to material that is pornographic for minors.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the St. Joseph Public Library staff to supervise and monitor usage of the public access computers in accordance with this policy and Sections 182.825 and 182.827, RSMo. See *328 – Public Computers and Internet Policy* for more information.