

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
Institute of Museum and Library Services & University of Washington Information School
The Impact of Free Access to Computers and the Internet in Public Libraries Library
Minor Interview

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Investigators' statement

We are asking your permission for your child to be in a research study being conducted by the University of Washington's Information School and sponsored by the US government's Institute for Museum and Library Services. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether to allow them to be in the study or not. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask your child to do, the possible risks and benefits, your child's rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When we have answered all your questions, you can decide if you want to allow your child to be in the study or not. This process is called 'informed consent.' We will give you a copy of this form for your records.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

We want to learn more about how people use free access to computers and the Internet in public libraries. In an interview, we would like to talk to your child about his or her experiences with using the Library's computers to obtain information.

PROCEDURES

If you choose to have your child participate, we would like your child to be interviewed at the Public Library. The interview will take place during the time that your child regularly attends the Library. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages may be provided to each participant.

The interview will last about 20-30 minutes and will focus on the different services that he or she has tried. For example, I will ask your child "What types of computer and Internet services have you tried at the Library?" "What skills have you learned?" "How have you benefited from using computers at the Library?" and "How do you think access to computers and the Internet could be improved?" Your child does not have to answer every question.

During the interview, your adolescent may refuse to answer any question. The interview will be audio recorded and transcribed. The audio recording of his or her voice will be destroyed within 6 weeks of being recorded. Only members of the research team listed above will have access to this potentially sensitive information.

