

**AKRON COMMUNITY ONLINE  
RESOURCE NETWORK**

# How to Become a “Registered User” of ACORN

**Welcome to the Akron Community Online Resource Network (ACORN). ACORN is a free, open access, electronic community information network which is a service of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. We hope you enjoy exploring the network and becoming an active user of ACORN.**

The registration process is fairly simple. Attached you will find a registration form and a written user agreement that you are required to read. The user agreement details the terms of your participation on the system. The registration form requires information that enables us to set up your user account on the system. This form must be signed, dated, and returned to any Akron-Summit County Public Library facility. If you wish to mail your registration, proof of age and residence must be included. If you are a user under the age of 18, your parent or legally responsible adult must read, sign, and return the form titled **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S ACORN ACCOUNT**.

- ACORN offers one hour of free, dial-up Internet access per day.
- Registration is **FREE** to residents of Summit County.
- Your personal login ID, password, and connection instructions will be returned as soon as possible.



## Akron Community Online Resource Network Acceptable Use Policy

### General Policy

The Akron Community Online Resource Network (ACORN) is a community-oriented information system designed to provide the general public of Akron and surrounding areas with free access to the world of electronic information. It allows access to a wide range of information (both locally generated and on the Internet) on education, community, health, technology, government, clubs and many other topics. The purpose of the Akron Community Online Resource Network is to provide access to information of interest to residents of the greater Akron area. ACORN will also promote the exchange of information and collaboration among local community service organizations, schools, libraries, government agencies, and businesses.

### User Guidelines

Authorized users on the ACORN system are those individuals who have completed the registration procedure and abide by the following user guidelines. Successful operation requires that users regard the network as a shared resource. Network facilities are to be used in a responsible, legal, and efficient manner which reflects acceptable community standards.

The policies stated here do not attempt to define all required or prohibited behavior by its users. Each individual’s judgment of appropriate conduct must be relied upon. The exercise of such judgment must be within the following guidelines which have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Final decisions regarding acceptable use will be determined by the Library. All users must agree to abide by these policies. Users who do not follow these policy guidelines may have their access privileges suspended or revoked by the Library. Please read and become familiar with them.

# **Akron Community Online Resource Network (ACORN) User Agreement and Internet Conduct Guidelines**

**As a shared resource, use of the Internet necessarily involves respect for and consideration of other Library patrons and the Internet community. Users of the Internet must consent to this User Agreement and agree to be bound by these Conduct Guidelines.**

**The Library may limit, modify, suspend or revoke a patron's Internet privileges for failure to comply. Library patrons using the ACORN System or the Internet illegally may be subject to criminal prosecution under applicable state and federal law.**

1. The ACORN System and the Internet are not private. The Library can and does review material stored in files maintained and/or accessed by ACORN and Internet users, and may delete material from time to time, in accordance with the Library's system maintenance. For example, "cookies" imbedded in the Library System's equipment are deleted daily.
2. Unauthorized reproduction and/or sale of material owned by others and accessed through the ACORN System is prohibited.
3. The Library does not guaranty that the functions of the ACORN System or the Internet meet any user requirements or configurations, or that service will be error free or uninterrupted. The Library shall have no liability for any direct, indirect, incidental or consequential damages (including without limitation lost profits, lost data or information) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or the inability to use or operate the ACORN System or the Internet.
4. ACORN use is limited to one (1) hour online per day.
5. Illegal or abusive use of ACORN and the Internet is prohibited. Such use may include, but is not limited to:
  - (a) using ACORN or the Internet to harass other persons;
  - (b) using ACORN or the Internet in a manner that reasonably appears to Library staff to be calculated to harass other patrons or Library staff;
  - (c) using or overtly displaying profanity, vulgarity, or offensive material;
  - (d) interfering with use of ACORN or the Internet by other Library patrons;
  - (e) tampering with, vandalizing, degrading or disrupting the ACORN system, the Internet or another system, including without limitation disproportionate use of system resources (i.e. bandwidth) to the detriment of other users;
  - (f) accessing or attempting to access the ACORN System, the Internet or another system unlawfully or in violation of such system's policy;
  - (g) duplicating copyrighted material without the documented permission of the owner;
  - (h) hiding or misrepresenting identity;
  - (i) failing to follow another network's conduct guidelines.
8. ACORN and Internet users should avoid spreading computer viruses and should not download files from unknown sources or upload files to unknown destinations.
9. ACORN and Internet users will abide by this ACORN Conduct Guideline and any other rules and regulations that may be implemented by the Library.

# ACORN Registration – Under 18

Because you are a user under the age of 18, your parent or legally responsible adult must read, sign, and return the agreement on the other side of this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print) First Middle Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information is requested in case you should lose your ID or password. It will allow us to identify that you are really you.**

Your Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Name of Parent or Legally Responsible Adult:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print) First Middle Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ACORN ACCOUNT

**This agreement must be signed by the parent or legally responsible adult for a child under the age of 18 who wishes to obtain an ACORN account. We cannot activate the ACORN account until this signed agreement is received and processed.**

Access to ACORN can be a wonderful educational and recreational experience for your child. However, before you sign this form, consider the following:

- It is possible for people to commit crimes using the Internet. For example, a user can illegally break into another computer. **If your underage child commits a crime through the ACORN system, you may be held legally responsible.**
- Access to ACORN opens the door to a wide range of educational, informational and recreational material available on the Internet. Some of this material, however, may contain language, themes, images, or values which some parents may find inappropriate, objectionable, or offensive. These materials may contain offensive language, violent acts, or sexually explicit situations. The Library does not presume to make parental decisions and will not restrict your child's choice of materials available on the Internet. **You, as a parent or legally responsible adult must monitor your child's use of the system if you wish to restrict his or her access to material.**

**By signing below, I agree to take full responsibility for my child's actions on the network. I know that the Akron-Summit County Public Library cannot control the content of material on the Internet and that I must be responsible for monitoring and controlling the material my child accesses.**

**I have read the ACORN User Agreement and Internet Conduct Guidelines and agree to abide by them. In consideration for the privilege of using the ACORN system, I hereby release the Akron-Summit County Public Library, its agents, employees, operators, volunteers, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims of any nature arising from my use or inability to use ACORN, the Internet, or the information obtained through it.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (in ink) of Parent, or Legally Responsible Adult

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date