**Children’s Pen Pal Program: Consent and Release Form**

Welcome to the exciting world of Pen Pals! Throughout the world, lifelong friendships have developed through writing pen pal letters. This is our hope for your child and family.

**Please register at https://events.safetyharborlibrary.org**.

In order to make this asafe and fun experience for your child we ask that these simple guidelines are followed:

\*The Partner libraries will mail the letters. DO NOT share your personal address.

\*Pick up a “Get to Know Me” form from the library, have your child fill it out, and return it to the library.

\*Children will share their first names and last initial only.

\*Exchange written or typed letters only. Please do not exchange social media accounts.

\*Bullying and harassment will not be tolerated.

\***Registration is limited. Letters are due to the SHPL by the 2nd Saturday of the month.**

\*Parental consent and release form need to be signed and returned to the library to participate.

\*Library staff will screen letters for appropriate content.

\*Please inform your librarian if you decide to stop the program. It is only with your participation that this event will be able to thrive.

Our first letter will consist of a series of “Get to Know Me” questions. After your child receives their Pen Pal, encourage them to ask questions relating to their pal’s answers on their “Get to Know Me” sheet. This helps build conversations in the future.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consent to participate in this national Library Pen Pal Program. My child and I agree to abide by the guidelines and understand that not following these guidelines will result in removal from the program.

**Please return this form to the Safety Harbor Library Youth Services Desk to participate.**