

Library Wi-Fi Policy

Use of the Library wireless connection is entirely at the risk of the user. Users should be familiar with their own personal wireless device and should have basic knowledge of how to connect their own devices to a wireless network.

Unless covered during a scheduled, library-hosted training program, library staff will not provide technical assistance with personal devices or configurations and cannot guarantee that the user will be able to make a wireless connection. If the user has problems accessing the Internet over this connection, the staff will verify the Library's wireless connection is up and running.

The Valley Center Public Library does not offer laptops or peripheral equipment (power strips, wireless network cards, mouse pads, cables, etc.) to the public nor can the Library guarantee access to power outlets. The user should bring a fully charged battery and prepare to be self-powered, as electrical outlets are not always readily available in public areas. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment. Users must keep their equipment with them at all times.

We reserve the right to limit bandwidth on a per connection basis on the wireless network, as necessary, to ensure network reliability and fair sharing of network resources for all wireless users.

As with most public wireless, the Library's connection is not secure and privacy cannot be protected. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit sensitive personal information (credit card numbers, passwords, or any other sensitive personal information) while using this or any public wireless networks.

The Library will not be responsible for personal information (e.g. credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware, or software due to electrical surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless devices.

Printers are not available via the wireless connection. If users need to print, they should save their work to a portable storage device (e.g. floppy disk, USB drive) that can be used on a Library's wired workstation to send to the printer.

Use of these access points is governed by the Valley Center Public Library Internet Policy. All users are expected to use the Library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided. Users shall not violate federal, Kansas or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud or downloading copyrighted material.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the Library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

The hours of availability for Wi-Fi at the Valley Center Public Library will be set by the Library Board of Directors. Hours of availability are posted on our website and on signage visible from our exterior windows.

This policy may be amended from time to time.

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