

WIRELESS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Smithtown Library recognizes that the Internet has become an essential research and educational tool. The Internet offers access to many valuable local, national, and international sources of information. However, it is a fluid environment with the content and format of information constantly changing. Some information on the Internet may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated, or offensive to some users. You must evaluate the validity and appropriateness of the information found as the Library takes no responsibility for such content.

The Smithtown Library does not guarantee that children and youth will never access inappropriate web sites. We recommend that parents/legal guardians take an active interest in, and responsibility for, their children's Internet use.

Prior to accessing the Internet at The Smithtown Library, users will be required to indicate their agreement that they shall not display, print, transmit or distribute threatening material; expressions of bigotry, racism or hate; obscene or sexually provocative material.

The Smithtown Library assumes no responsibility for costs, liabilities, claims, or damages arising from the use of the Internet.

The wireless Internet connection is unsecured and open to everyone. The Library is not responsible for any financial loss that may occur while using the wireless network. This includes but is not limited to, loss due to improper use of online financial tools, personal information intercepted while being transmitted, and identity theft.

Computer users are to be considerate of patrons. Headphones/earbuds are to be employed while using applications that emit sound, such as audio/video players. Use of Internet phone applications, including but not limited to Skype and Google Call Phone, are not permitted in the Library as they are considered equivalent to cell phone use. Workspace is to be limited in consideration of fellow patrons.

The Library will not guarantee that its wireless Internet access service will be available at any specific time nor can the Library accept reservations for wireless access. Signal strength may vary in each building.

Users may not plug equipment into the Library's computer network. Use of electrical outlets on table-tops is permitted.

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Users are responsible for configuring their own equipment. Library staff cannot provide technical support for establishing or maintaining a connection. The Library will not support configurations and will not be responsible for any changes made to an individual's computer settings.

Virus and security protections are the user's responsibility. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used at the Library.

The wireless Internet access service is available for use on premises, both interior and exterior

Printers are available for wireless network users; please see smithlib.org for details.

Misuse or abuse of this Wireless Internet Acceptable Use Policy will result in the loss of Internet Access privileges.

Due to the ever-changing nature and impact of these services, this policy is subject to change without notice at the Library's discretion.

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