



Mobile Hotspot Use Policy

Policy No. 2G

The Hodgkins Public Library, as the primary information source in the Hodgkins community and in response to advances in technology, is pleased to provide mobile access to informational resources on the Internet. The library's goal is to enhance its existing collection in size, depth, and prevalence. To fully accomplish this, the library now circulates Wi-Fi hotspots to Hodgkins Public Library cardholders aged 14 and over in good standing as a tool to provide enhanced access to the Internet. All cardholders aged 14 and older who wish to borrow these hotspots are required to have a signed user agreement on file at the Library. All minors aged 14 to 17 who wish to borrow a mobile hotspot must have a parent/guardian co-sign the agreement at the Library.

The Library District is not responsible for sites patrons encounter on the web while using these hotspots that may be considered offensive, or otherwise unsuited to minors, whether they are accessed intentionally or accidentally. Parents or guardians of minors assume responsibility of a minor's use of these devices.

The Library District is not responsible for any consequences incurred when patrons' personal information is shared over the Internet. The Library District is not liable for any consequences, financial or otherwise, incurred as a result of Internet usage via these mobile hotspots. Hodgkins Library staff will not be available for Internet instruction specifically for patrons who borrow these devices, though they will be available to provide specific starting points for searching and may be able to answer questions. Staff already provide recurring web browsing and computer classes and one-on-one sessions that may be of use.

Unlawful use of the Internet is prohibited and may result in removal of hotspot privileges and/or legal prosecution. Users who violate these terms of service also risk losing future computer and library use privileges. Illegal acts that involve the library's computers and devices are subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities. Patrons under the age of 18 and their parent/guardian(s) assume personal responsibility and liability, both civil and criminal, for unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Internet through the library's computers.

Any patron who borrows a mobile hotspot and loses or damages the device will be responsible for all fees or fines associated with the hotspot according to the circulation guidelines.

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