

York Public Library Wireless Policy

Wireless Internet Access at the York Public Library was implemented in June of 2005 for patrons who wish to use their own laptop when at the library. All terms and conditions set forth in the York Public Library's Internet Use Policy are also applicable to wireless network access.

1. 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. Misuse of Internet access will result in loss of the user's Library access. It is not acceptable to use Library internet services to:

- Digitally reproduce and distribute copyrighted materials.
- Degrade or disrupt equipment or system performance;
- Vandalize the data of any other user;
- Gain unauthorized access to resources or entities;
- Invade the privacy of individuals;
- Violate federal, state, or local laws or regulations, including those regarding accessing, viewing, printing, and distributing child pornography.
- Engage in any activity that is offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.

2. A patron's laptop must be configured with virus protection using current virus definitions. Patrons are expected to know how to configure their own laptop for wireless use. The library does not offer wireless access support.

3. Most WiFi network cards will be compatible. However, the York Public Library can make no guarantees as to compatibility of patron's equipment with the library's network.

4. The York Public Library wireless network has been configured and sized for interactive searches and knowledge gathering on the World Wide Web. The library's network is not sized for large downloads from the web. Therefore, the downloading of software, large images, music, etc from the web onto a patron's laptop is not permitted. Patrons will be asked to terminate any activity that adversely impacts the library's network performance.

5. Printing access is not available via the wireless connection. To print at the Library, work may be saved to a disk or be emailed to the patron's web account, then retrieved from one of the Library's public workstations and sent to the public printer.

6. As with most public wireless "hot spots," this wireless connection is not secure. Another wireless user can potentially intercept any information being transmitted. We recommend that you do not transmit personal information such as credit card numbers, passwords or other sensitive information while using any wireless "hot spot." WiFi users assume all risks and responsibilities to provide anti-virus protection and appropriate security settings on their laptop. Please take appropriate precautions when using this service.

7. The Library will not be responsible for any information (i.e. credit card numbers, passwords, etc.) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to patrons' hardware or software due to electric surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking.

8. WiFi users should be certain that their laptops and other devices are secure at all times and should never be left unattended in the Library, even for brief periods of time. Theft of such devices is not the responsibility of the Library..

9. Disclaimer: Use of the Library's wireless network is entirely at the risk of the user. The library disclaims all liability for loss of confidential information or damages resulting from that loss.

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