

## **Wireless Internet Policy**

Beecher Community Library requires patrons using the library's wireless internet do so within the guidelines of acceptable use as stated in the **Public Access Computer and Internet Policy**. The following activities are **not** acceptable:

1. Use of electronic information networks for any purpose, which results in the harassment of others.
2. Destruction of, damage to, or unauthorized alteration of library's computer equipment, or network security procedures.
3. Use of electronic information networks in any way which violates Federal or State law.
4. Unauthorized duplication of copy-protected software or violation of software license agreements.
5. Violation of system security.
6. Behaving in a manner which is disruptive to other patrons, including, but not limited to disruptive noise levels.
7. Use of electronic information networks to access materials that are (A) obscene, (B) pornography or (C) harmful to minors.

The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from reproduction of content by any method in any format or any violation of Federal or State Law by patrons while they use the wireless internet at the Beecher Community Library.

Beecher Community Library urges patrons to carefully weigh the information contained on the Internet because information available may not be accurate, from a reliable source, or up-to-date.

### **Limitations and Disclaimers**

- Wireless internet will only be available during the library's opening hours. Wireless will be turned off fifteen minutes before closing.
- Wireless access is provided as a public service free of charge on an as-is basis with no guarantee and no warranty. The library's wireless network is subject to periodic maintenance and unforeseen downtime.
- Information passing through the library's wireless network is not secured and could be monitored, captured, or altered by others. There are risks involved with connecting to a public wireless connection, such as possible viruses, malware, loss of data, possible hacking/snooping by others connected, possible hardware/software failure. It is your sole responsibility to protect your information from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of your use of the library's wireless network. The library disclaims all liability for loss of confidential information, damages resulting from that loss, or any software or hardware failure resulting from the use of the wireless network.
- All wireless users should have up-to-date antivirus software installed on their computers.
- The laptop owner is responsible for connecting to wireless internet. Staff is not permitted to handle your laptop or peripheral equipment. Library staff is not allowed to configure patron's laptops, nor can they provide more than general assistance in getting connected to the wireless internet.
- The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment; users must keep their equipment with them at all times.
- Laptop owners may only use the designated electrical outlets fitted with surge protectors to connect their equipment.

- All users will need to sign a wireless user agreement. Beecher Community Library cardholders' user agreement will be kept on file. All non-cardholders' will need to sign the user agreement everyday they wish to use wireless internet.
- Minors under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian to sign their wireless internet agreement, giving them permission to use the library's wireless network.
- The passwords to access wireless internet will change every day; therefore, all users will need to check in at the front desk to receive the day's password.

### **Policy Infractions**

Failure to abide by these policies will result in loss of wireless internet privileges and public access computer privileges (for cardholders) for 6 months. These privileges may be revoked for longer periods of time for repeated infractions. Parents will be informed of a minor's infractions.

This policy may be updated as further needs indicate.

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