



Wireless Internet Policy

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Our Library provides filtered wireless internet access to library patrons. Any patron who complies with the Library's Internet Policy may use the wireless Internet access service. In using the wireless internet access service, patrons must respect the following policy, rules and regulations.

The Library does not require patrons to register before using its wireless Internet access. Patrons desiring to utilize the Library's wireless internet access must have a portable computing device (e.g., a laptop computer) with a standard wireless network interface card (NIC) that is compatible with the Library's Wi-Fi standards. Library staff does not provide portable computing devices for patrons to use and does not provide any technical assistance to patrons using their own portable computing device. Library staff can answer non-technical questions and questions regarding the Library's Internet Policy.

The Library's wireless Internet access is filtered. Any patron desiring unfiltered Internet access may sign up at the circulation desk to use a Library computer.

The Library's wireless Internet access does not include the ability to print documents on library printers. Any patron desiring to print documents must either supply their own printer or sign up at the circulation desk to use a library computer and pay any applicable fees for the documents printed.

The Library's wireless Internet access service does not provide a secure connection. Patrons use the Library's wireless Internet access service at their own risk. The Library encourages patrons to use virus protection, a personal firewall, and other measures to protect personal information from disclosure. Patrons using their portable computing devices are solely responsible for protecting their personal information and assume all risk of an invasion of privacy or disclosure of personal information that may occur in using the Library's wireless Internet access service.

Neither the Library nor the City of Hudsonville are responsible for any loss of information or damage that may occur, either directly or indirectly, to any personal equipment or data, or for any damage or injury that arises from use of the Library's wireless Internet Access service, including but not limited to use of the Library's server, wireless connection, or connection to other Internet services.

Patrons utilizing the Library's wireless Internet access service must comply with all other policies of the Library, including but not limited to the Internet Policy. The Library reserves the right to terminate any wireless network connection in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations and policies.





Using the Library's Wireless Internet Access

Connecting your laptop computer to the Gary Byker Memorial Library of Hudsonville's new wireless Internet access service is easy, especially if you're using the latest operating system for your computer. Once you're connected, you have filtered* access to the public Internet.

Here is the basic information you need to connect:

- Configure your network card to use TCP/IP and to obtain an IP address automatically using DHCP.
- The SSID, or network name, is "library public wireless".
- The network is open and does not require a password. Disable WEP.
- Wireless access is compatible with 802.11b and 802.11g.

If you're using Windows XP or Mac OS X, the network should appear automatically. If your operating system asks if you want to join the "library public wireless" network, answer Yes.

If you're using another operating system, check with your owner's manual for more details. Using the latest operating system for your computer will provide the best results when working with wireless networking.

Unfortunately, the Library staff cannot help you with wireless networking problems. However, the library may occasionally hold wireless networking classes. Please inquire at the circulation desk.

* Please note: The library filters wireless Internet access to comply with laws designed to protect minors from indecent and obscene content. If you're an adult who does not want your Internet access filtered, we suggest you instead use one of the computers near the circulation desk. All of those computers can provide unfiltered Internet access, if requested.