



Butler County Federated Library System

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Wireless Policy

All member libraries offer free wireless access (aka “hotspots” or WiFi”) for library patrons to use with their own personal laptops. Most users can simply bring in their wireless-enabled laptop computer and turn it on. It should automatically recognize the wireless network. No special encryption settings, user names or passwords are required. If your laptop does not have a wireless built-in, you can install a WiFi compatible network card. The Library cannot guarantee your equipment will work with the Library’s network. Since everyone’s computer is different, the staff is not able to help you configure your computer. If you need assistance, you may need to contact the hardware or software manufacturer.

Please be aware that your information is not protected while using wireless, unless you are connected to a web page that employs encryption (stores, banks, etc.) Keep this in mind if you are accessing sensitive business or personal information.

Wireless users agree to abide by the Library’s “Wireless Hotspot Policy” which prohibits illegal activity while using the Library’s Internet services.

Printing is not available with wireless. If you need to print please save your work to disk or email files to yourself, then login to a library workstation and send print jobs to a printer. Printing costs are 10¢ for b/w and 25¢ for color per page.

I understand and agree to comply with all of the following conditions:

- I will comply with all state and federal laws and the Butler County Federated Library System’s policies and procedures.
- I understand that open, unsecured wireless network “HotSpots” are freely and easily accessible (by design) from wireless enabled devices, therefore, due to this inherent “un-secured” nature, certain services have been disabled for your protection, i.e. SSL – secure socket layer (used in online banking).
- I understand and acknowledge that the Internet contains information, both written and pictorial, which may be offensive or harmful to me or to others.
- I release the Library from all liabilities associated with my viewing of, use of, or exposure to any information, machine readable file, picture, graphical representation, or illustration I may encounter while using this wireless connection, whether or not such information appears or is delivered through the station I operate.
- I will not violate any state or federal statute including those regarding obscenity, pornography, or delivery to minors material deemed harmful to them.
- I understand that I create, store, and use personal files at my own risk and that the Library is not responsible for the loss of personal electronic documents, diskettes, and/or files.
- I understand and accept that my failure to comply with Library policies and procedures will result in Library penalties that range from suspension of Internet privileges through permanent eviction from the Library.
- I understand that the Butler County Federated Library system reserves the right to change its public use workstation access policies and procedures.
- I understand that individual Library staff members are not authorized to modify these policies.
- I understand that individual Library staff will not offer hardware, network or laptop support in any way. And that it is my responsibility to know how to setup, configure and use my wireless enabled device for open, unsecured network access.