



Martin County Library Wireless Internet Policy

The Martin County Library offers free Internet access points or “hot spots” for users with portable computers or devices capable of receiving wireless signals (802.11 b/g) during normal library business hours. These access points will allow users to access the Internet from their laptop computers when sitting within range of the access points.

If you are not sure if your laptop computer or other device has this functionality, or if your laptop computer or other device does not include wireless networking, please consult the manufacturer, supplier or your local technology merchant. They will help you make the correct setting or find the right product for your laptop or other device. Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be made that you will be able to make a wireless connection.

Printers are not available via the wireless connection. If a user needs to print a document, they should save their work to a portable device (e.g. disc) or wait to print a document on a home printer.

As with most public wireless “hot spots,” the library’s wireless connection is not secure. Information sent to and from your laptop or other wireless device may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit confidential information, such as account numbers, passwords, or any other sensitive information while using any wireless “hot spot.”

The library is not responsible for any personal information (e.g. account information) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware or software due to electric surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computer or wireless device.

The Martin County Library System Internet Policy governs use of these access points. 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. Users should not violate federal, state or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography, harmful material, fraud, or downloading of copyrighted material.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor’s access to the library’s wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

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