Florida Public Library
Wireless Internet Access Policy

The Florida Public Library offers wireless Internet access for patrons with wireless enabled devices. The Library's "Wireless Hotspot" is open to all patrons, free of charge and without filters. No special encryption settings, user names, or passwords are required. Access is available from nearly every public area of the Library, with no waiting and no time limit.

Hardware Requirements
A patron's wireless device must have a wireless card that is "Wi-Fi Certified" for the standard IEEE 802.11-based wireless local area network (WLAN) products. The FPL wireless network name is Florida_Lib (2.4GHz) and FPL_5G (5GHz.) If a patron's device supports the faster speed, FPL_5G will be visible on the device.

Using Your Wireless Device in the Library: Limitations and Disclosures
The Library's wireless hotspot is not secure and the Library cannot guarantee the safety of your traffic across its wireless network. The Library assumes no responsibility for the configurations, security, or data files on your wireless device resulting from connection to the Library's wireless network. Information sent to or from your wireless device can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and appropriate software.

Transmitting any personal information, such as passwords, credit card, or Social Security numbers while using any wireless hotspot, including the Library's, is not recommended. Antivirus, privacy, spyware and security protection is the responsibility of the patron. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used in the Library.

The Library is not able to provide technical assistance to you, and there is no guarantee that you will be able to make a wireless connection with your equipment. If you need assistance, contact the manufacturer of your wireless device or software. The Library is not responsible for any changes made to your device or device settings.

The Library cannot guarantee that the wireless service will be available at any specific time or that the connection will have any specific quality or speed. The connection shall not be used for illegal purposes, nor shall it be used in such a way as to violate any Library policies, including the Public Access Computer Policy.

Using the Library's Laptops
The Library also owns laptops which are used for educational and training purposes and may be available for use by patrons if stationary computers are not available. These laptops, when available, may be checked out for one hour, on a first come, first served basis at the Reference Desk by patrons age 16 or older. A patron who checks out a laptop will surrender his driver's license until the device is safely returned. A non-driver may surrender a valid Florida Public Library card. Library laptops are for in-house use only

and may not be taken out of the building. Library staff will offer instruction in the use of laptops at scheduled workshops only.

Wireless Printing
Wireless printers are available to print from a patron's personal computer or mobile device. The patron's device must be attached to the Library's Wi-Fi (Florida_Lib or FPL_5G.) The Library cannot guarantee that the patron's device will recognize the Library's Wi-Fi printers or connect and print successfully.

Any malfunction or problem with a Library laptop must be reported immediately to the Reference Desk. Users must not try to correct the problem themselves. Users abusing this equipment, or this Library policy will be prohibited from further use. Due to the changing nature of these services, policies are subject to change without notice and at the Library's discretion. Staff on duty have the right to cancel or interrupt the use of laptops and/or the Internet at any time.

For In-House Use of a Library Laptop
I have read and understand Florida Public Library's Wireless Internet Access Policy and acknowledge that I am using the Library's equipment and resources being fully aware of the Library's policies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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