



Wireless Internet Use Policy

The Brimfield Public Library District provides free, unlimited wireless Internet service throughout the building as part of its commitment to providing equitable access to the Internet. Users of the Library's public wireless Internet are expected to follow all policies governing acceptable Library use.

Acceptable Use of Wireless Internet

Patrons who use the Library's wireless Internet are required to adhere to the guidelines set forth in this and all other Library policies.

Examples of unacceptable wireless Internet use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use of that in any way violates Federal, State, or Local law.
- Harassment, libeling, or slandering other users.
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users.
- Use that in any way violates licensing and payment agreements between the Library and network/database providers.
- Unauthorized duplication of copyright protected material or violation of software license agreements.
- Destruction of, damage to, or alteration of the library's network security.
- Behaving in a manner that is disruptive to other users or Library staff.

Violations

- Violation of the guidelines in this policy may result in loss of wireless Internet access.
- The Library reserves the right to determine the duration of suspended access. Any questions regarding this procedure should be referred to the Director.
- The Library will take necessary action, up to and including legal action, against anyone violating Library policy.

Limitations and Disclaimers

- Wireless Internet 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.
- Connecting to the wireless network requires a device with wireless capacity supporting the WiFi standard. The Library does not guarantee that all devices will be able to connect to wireless Internet service.
- During times of peak usage, bandwidth may be limited.
- By using the Library's wireless Internet service, patrons agree and hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Brimfield Public Library District, its officers and employees, and any affiliate, from any damage, either direct or indirect, that may result from use of the Library's wireless Internet.

- At its sole discretion, the Brimfield Public Library District may limit or terminate wireless Internet service at any time without prior notice.

Privacy and Security

- Information passing through the Library's wireless Internet 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, and possible hardware/software failure. It is the user's sole responsibility to protect their information from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of their use of the Library's wireless Internet.
- All patrons using the Library's wireless Internet should have up-to-date antivirus software installed on their devices.
- Patrons have the right to privacy to the extent possible in the public setting. However, users should be aware that some areas are shared by Library patrons of all ages and backgrounds. Users are asked to consider this when accessing potentially indecent or harmful materials and images. Although Library staff cannot consistently and effectively monitor content accessed on personal devices, the Library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and images which causes a disruption.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of personal technology devices. Users must keep their devices with them at all times.

Internet Content

The Library cannot control the information obtained from outside sources via the Internet. Internet resources enhance and supplement resources that are available locally within a library. However:

- Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be reliable, accurate, or current.
- Particular information sites on the Internet may sometimes be unavailable.
- Certain information obtained via the Internet may be considered controversial by some library patrons.
- Brimfield Public Library District urges patrons to be informed consumers and carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet.

Internet Filtering

The Library complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to protect children ages 16 and younger from materials that might be harmful to minors. All Library networks are equipped with Internet filtering software, which is designed and intended to block sites deemed to be inappropriate for general audiences. Adults (17 years old and older) may request that a certain site be unblocked, for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Such requests will be granted at the discretion of Library staff and may be denied for any reason in order to comply with Library policy or otherwise.

All Internet filtering software installed on Library networks has been purchased from a commercial vendor. The Library does not maintain that the installed filters effectively filter all or any inappropriate materials from access. The Library is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from access, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, to inappropriate or offensive Internet sites within the Library, regardless of the age of the user or whether arising from the deficiency of the filter or its installation.

Customer Assistance and Instruction

Library staff may offer basic assistance in connecting personal devices to the Library's WiFi network, but are not responsible for any changes made to devices.

Wireless Internet Quick Facts

- Anyone is allowed to use the Library's wireless guest network: BPLGuest
- Patrons must agree to the Library's Terms of Use before using the Library's WiFi.
- Patrons may print from their personal devices while connected to WiFi. Fees apply.
 - 20 cents per black and white page; 30 cents per color page