

Paul Sawyier Public Library Wireless Access Policy

The Paul Sawyier Public Library will provide free internet access points or "hot spots" for users with portable computers or devices capable of receiving wireless signals 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.

Library staff members will provide general information on the settings necessary to access the internet via these connections, but are not responsible for any changes users make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the Library's wireless connection.

Most Wi-Fi network cards will be compatible; however, the Paul Sawyier Public Library can make no guarantees as to compatibility of patron's equipment with the Library's network.

The Paul Sawyier Public Library wireless network has been configured and sized for interactive searches and knowledge gathering on the World Wide Web. The Library's network is not sized for large downloads from the web. Therefore, the downloading of software, large images, music, etc. from the web onto a patron's laptop is not permitted. Patrons will be asked to immediately terminate any activity that adversely impacts the Library's network performance.

If a user has problems accessing the internet over these connections, staff cannot assist in making changes to the user's network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user's own computer. Users should refer to their owners' manuals or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.

As with most public wireless "hot spots," the Library's wireless connection is not secure. There can be non-trustworthy third parties between the user and anybody with whom the user communicates. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords and any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless "hot spot." Users must take appropriate precautions when using this service.

The Library will not be responsible for any personal information (e.g. credit card) 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 computers or wireless devices.

Dedicated printers are not available via the wireless connection at this time. The Library does offer wireless printing via our "PrinterOn" service.

Other methods for printing are for users to save their work to a portable storage device, wait to print a document on a home printer or email files to themselves, log in to a wired Library workstation and send documents to the public printer.

Use of these access points is governed by the Paul Sawyier Public Library Internet Use Policy. 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, Kentucky, or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of harmful material, fraud, or downloading copyrighted or illegal 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.