Wireless Access Policy

MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
POLICY ON WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

SECTION 1: ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

The Mooresville Public Library offers free filtered, unsecured wired and wireless Internet access for use with a patron's notebook/laptop computer or other device. By accessing the Internet in this way, the patron has agreed to abide by the Library's *Policy on Public Internet Access*. This policy prohibits illegal activity while using the Internet and provides examples of acceptable and unacceptable uses. Patrons are urged to read this document prior to accessing the Library's network. Copies are available on the Library's website at mooresvillelib.org or at the Reference desk.

SECTION 2: LIMITATIONS

Wireless access is available in most areas in the library. However, there may be some "dead" spots where wireless reception may be limited. Moving to another location in the library may result in a stronger connection. Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be made that a wireless connection will be made.

Jacks to accommodate a connection via a patch cable are located throughout the library. Staff will direct patrons to available jacks. Patch cables are available for use while in the library. See Reference Librarian for details.

Sound is not permitted in the Library. If audio files are accessed, the use of headphones is required. Headphones are to be supplied by the patron or can be purchased from the Friends of the Library Sale Room (see staff at circulation desk).

SECTION 3: SECURITY

The Mooresville Public Library's public Internet network is not secure and provides no data encryption between the access points and the patron's device. Information sent to and from a patron's notebook/laptop computer or other device may be captured by anyone else with a connected device and the appropriate software. Also, any shared files or folders on a patron's device that are not password protected may be read, copied, and/or deleted by anyone else on the network.

It is the patron's responsibility to protect his/her laptop or other wireless device through the use of up-to-date virus protection, personal firewall, and other measures. It is highly recommended that "file sharing" be turned off on the user's wireless device. It is strongly urged that credit card information and passwords not be transmitted while using the Library's network.

SECTION 4: DISCLAIMER

The Mooresville Public Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment, data files, device configurations or security resulting from connection to the Library's network or the Internet, nor liability for any damages to hardware, software or data, however caused.

SECTION 5: POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS, AND REVISIONS:

This policy was effective upon approval of the Library Board of Trustees. Amendments and/or revisions to this policy shall be formulated and recommended to the Board by the Policy Committee. The policy may then be amended and/or revised at the regular meeting of the Board, following the meeting at which the amendment and/or revision was proposed.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees March 5, 2007, reviewed 2011; reviewed & revised June 2021.

Video/Audio Conferencing (VAC) Use Policy

1. The library shall provide VAC system access through the Internet in Study Rooms <u>only</u>. VAC use on any other computers in or around the library is prohibited.

2. Study Room Reservations shall be "first come, first served" and are subject to room and equipment availability.

3. Study Room reservations to use the VAC system are limited to two hours per user (if an individual) or group (if more than one individual are using it together).

4. As used in this policy, the terms "video/audio conferencing" or "VAC" system include any Internet telephony product that allows users to make free Internet-based phone calls using peer-to-peer (P2P) networking protocols.

Patron's will be allowed two hours of computer time, per day, in the public lab.

Logins are unlimited.