Mobile Hotspot Lending Policy
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Purpose

In fulfilling the Library’s mission to provide access to information, educational and recreational services, materials and programs, Emporia Public Library lends mobile wireless Hotspots to Library patrons.

Terms and Conditions

A “Hotspot” consists of the mobile wireless Hotspot device itself as well as its charger and case. When a patron borrows a mobile Hotspot, the patron’s use of the equipment is available under the following terms and conditions. These terms and conditions are in addition to the standard Library policies (notably the Library’s Computer and Internet Use policy) and other terms and conditions described below for which the user is responsible.

By borrowing and initiating use of the Library’s Hotspot, the user agrees to abide by the Library’s policies and rules, and agrees to hold the Library and its agents harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations, or liabilities, directly or indirectly, relating to the use of the Library’s Hotspot and internet access provided by the Library. Deliberate altering of any files or modifying the configuration of Library-owned electronic equipment is strictly prohibited.

In order to borrow a Hotspot, patrons must be eighteen years of age or older and have had an Emporia Public Library card in good standing for three months. Holds may be placed on Hotspots. At the time of checkout, the borrowing patron must present their library card and a government issued photo ID. Upon checkout, Library staff will confirm, in the presence of the borrowing patron, that all items are present in the Hotspot kit. The patron must sign the Library’s Hotspot Agreement before a Hotspot can be checked out. Only one Hotspot may be borrowed on a patron’s account at any one time. The loan period for the Hotspot is one week with no renewals.

Overdue Hotspots will be deactivated. Overdue fines will accrue at one dollar per day up to the maximum replacement cost of the Hotspot. Patrons are not permitted to return the Hotspot to the Library’s book drop. Rather, Hotspots must be returned directly to a Library staff member at the Circulation Desk who will verify that all components of the Hotspot are accounted for before checking it in from the borrowing patron’s account. The Hotspot will not be considered returned until all components of the Hotspot are returned. The borrowing patron will be responsible for lost or damaged Hotspots and accessories (includes theft thereof). Patrons must be mindful of current replacement costs of mobile Hotspots and accessories before borrowing, as they will be responsible for paying the replacement cost of a damaged or lost Hotspot device or accessories. The cost to replace the Library Hotspot device is $50.00, the charger is $20.00, the cord $10.00 and the case is $20. Total replacement cost is $100.00.

Internet service relies on cell tower technology and coverage. Service outside the continental United States is prohibited; any fees associated with use outside of this area will be the responsibility of the borrower. User experience can vary based on location. A Hotspot can provide internet access for up to 5 devices.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the use of the Hotspot by minors. Unlawful use of the internet or use that violates the Library’s Computer and Internet Use policy is prohibited and may result in the loss of privileges. The Library is not responsible for personal information shared over the internet or for information or websites accessed. The Library is not responsible for any liability, damages, or expense resulting from the use of the Hotspot.