POLICY FOR USE OF WIRELESS INTERNET

Mission Statement:

Through its Wi-Fi program, the Friench Simpson Memorial Library seeks to expand the number of users who can access Internet-based resources while at the Library, thus furthering its mission to provide materials and services to Hallettsville and Lavaca County residents and Library visitors to meet their personal, educational, and professional needs. In accordance with this mission, the Library offers free wireless Internet access to patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers and/or wireless devices.

The policies applying to the Library's public access computer stations also apply to use of the Internet through the Library's wireless network on private wireless-enabled devices inside the Library building. These policies are set forth in the **Policy for Internet and Computer Use** and the **Policy for Internet Safety**. Users will be held responsible for any inappropriate use of the Internet whether on a laptop or wireless-enabled device.

The Library does not filter wireless Internet access. Parents wishing to restrict access to the Internet for their children should purchase filtering software for their children's laptops or wireless devices.

Wi-Fi users must supply their own wireless-enabled devices or laptops. The Library does not supply wireless cards or laptops.

While the Library seeks to maximize security for Wi-Fi users, wireless networks by their very nature are less secure than a wired network. Use of the Library's wireless network is at the user's own risk. The Friench Simpson Memorial Library is not responsible for any personal information or data files that may be compromised or any damage caused to hardware or software due to security issues or consequences of viruses or hacking.

Library staff can verify whether the Library's wireless connection is functioning properly. The staff, on a limited basis, can assist users in accessing the wireless network. While the staff can assist patrons with minor or routine computer questions, the staff is not trained to make wholesale changes to a user's network settings or troubleshoot the user's hardware or software. Obtaining help from the staff is at the user's own risk. The staff cannot be held responsible for any damages to a user's software and/or hardware.

No printing services are available from computers accessing the wireless network. Audio output for laptops accessing the wireless network must be muted or directed to headphones.

For more information: ALA Policy Manual, 53.1.17, Resolution on the Use of Filtering Software in Libraries

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Chairperson of Advisory Board, Friench Simpson Memorial Library

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