

Hellertown Area Library Association

Wireless Internet Use Policy

**Purpose:** The Wireless Internet Use Policy of the Hellertown Area Library outlines the rules for patrons to use the free wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) available. The policy also describes the library's use of a content filter on all computers connected to the Internet to comply with all federal and state laws, and to keep our library space safe for everyone. This policy supports Hellertown Area Library's mission to inspire lifelong learning, enrichment, and connection for our community.

**Scope of Policy:** The Hellertown Area Library offers free wireless internet access points for library patrons to use with their own personal laptops, tablets, and other mobile devices. This policy applies to all who use the wireless internet inside and/or outside of the library.

**Policy Statement:** The Hellertown Area Library provides information to help the patrons access the resources needed and to keep the library safe for everyone. The library encourages patrons to use the resources available for the pursuit of lifelong learning, enrichment, and connection.

The Hellertown Area Library uses a content filter on the Wi-Fi to:

- Comply with the [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) to be eligible to receive federal funding or discounts through the Library Services and Technology Act, Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the Universal Service discount program (E-rate), and
- Comply with [Pennsylvania's Child Internet Protection Act, Act of Nov. 30, 2004, P.L. 1556, No. 197 Cl. 35.](#)

The Hellertown Area Library is pleased to provide public wireless internet access, both inside and outside the library. By using this service, the user agrees to abide by the following:

- The library cannot guarantee a secure connection to the Internet via a wireless environment. Patrons use the wireless service at their own risk and are advised to use the latest anti-virus, spyware and other standard protection software to prevent unauthorized access to their own wireless device. The library is not responsible for any damages or interferences with patron devices resulting from use of the wireless network.
- Patrons are reminded not to leave their computers unattended. The library is not responsible for a patron's personal belongings.

- Power outlets and charging devices are available, but library staff reserves the right to disconnect a user's device in extenuating circumstances.
- Due to periodic maintenance, heavy usage and unforeseen downtime, the library does not guarantee wireless access availability or signal strength at any specific time.
- Library staff cannot assist with laptop or wireless device configuration. The library cannot accept the liability of handling patron equipment.
- The library is not responsible for any loss of data or damage to patron equipment.
- Printing is only available via library's wired computers.

### **Internet Use Policy**

Patrons of all ages are expected to use the library's computers and internet resources in a responsible manner for educational, informational, and recreational purposes. As with other library resources, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn about the Internet and help their children to use it safely and wisely. Unacceptable uses of the library's internet include:

- Using the internet for illegal purposes
- Viewing or transmitting threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene materials
- Unauthorized accessing of remote computer systems
- Invading the privacy of others
- Violating software licenses and copyright laws
- Any violation of the above may result in loss of privileges or expulsion from the library

For complete policy information, please see the ***Computer and Internet Use Policy***