

## WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

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The Cherokee County Public Library provides wireless (Wi-Fi) access to users at no charge. Users must have a wireless compatible device (such as a laptop or mobile phone) and an Internet browser to access the library's wireless network. Library staff cannot provide technical assistance or support for connecting to the wireless network and cannot guarantee that individuals will be able to make a connection.

Internet access is a public service provided by the Library. **By using this free service, the patron has accepted and must follow the library's Internet Acceptable Use policy, which states the limitations and responsibilities of Internet use in the library. (The entire policy is available at the front desk.)**

The library reserves the right to end an individual's wireless session when that individual's use of the network creates an atmosphere inappropriate for a public library setting.

Since Cherokee County Public Library's wireless is available over a public network, this connection is not secure. Virus protection, security, and privacy protection are the responsibility of the wireless user. Information sent to and from a WiFi device may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and software capable of intercepting wireless communications. The Library assumes no responsibility for safety of, or damage to, laptop computers, smartphones, or other wireless devices or to their configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's wireless access.

Library printers are not available to wireless users at this time. Sound must remain off unless headphones or earbuds are used.

**Some Internet sites are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting. The Cherokee County Public Library requires computer users to respect the rights and sensibilities of all library users.**

**Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to the display of images which other patrons and/or library staff find offensive, including sexual conduct and threatening, harassing, or abusive language or images. The library reserves the right to end Internet sessions when an individual's use of the library's equipment or Internet service creates an atmosphere inappropriate for a public library setting.**

**Users must refrain from sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene under AL. Law 13a-12-200.3, which specifically prohibits the dissemination or display of obscene material. Violation of this rule will result in the immediate termination of the patron's computer use session. In addition, the patron may be subject to other penalties, including the loss of all library privileges and/or criminal prosecution.**

Internet use is intended **for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only; not for unauthorized, illegal, or unethical purposes.** US Copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of fair use or with the explicit permission of the copyright holder. **Library policy specifically prohibits unauthorized downloading of materials such as movies and music; violations of this policy may result in legal action against the user.** All responsibility for any consequences of copyright

infringement lies with the user. Cherokee County Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

All Internet users are expected to use the library's electronic resources in a responsible manner and to follow the rules outlined here. The library staff will not normally monitor or supervise Internet use out of respect for the individual's right to privacy; however, the library staff reserves the right to ensure compliance with this policy. The Library assumes no liability or responsibility for any individual's use of its electronic network.

**I have read and understand the Wireless Internet Access Policy of the Cherokee County Public Library and agree to abide by its policies. I understand that misuse of the Library's electronic resources may result in the loss of all library privileges and/or criminal prosecution, when applicable.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_