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## WIRELESS INTERNET POLICY

The Ridgefield Library offers free wireless Internet access to patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers or handheld devices. Through its Wi-Fi program, the Library seeks to expand the number of users who can access Internet-based resources while at the Library, thus furthering its mission to support the recreational, informational and educational needs of Ridgefielders.

All use of the Internet through the medium of the Library's wireless network is governed by the same policies applying to its public access computer workstations. These policies state the limitations of Internet access, the user's responsibilities for using that access, and definitions of acceptable and unacceptable uses. Users will be held responsible for any inappropriate use of the Internet, whether on a laptop or one of the Library's Public Access Computers.

While wireless computing is very convenient, some caution needs to be taken to ensure privacy and security. Please keep the following in mind: **the wireless network is not secure. Information sent to or from your wireless devices can be intercepted by a third party.** Credit card and other financial transactions or any transmission of personal information such as a social security number is best done on a secured network. Use of the Library's wireless network is at the user's own risk, and the Ridgefield 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. **We recommend that you keep your operating system updated, maintain virus protection, and disable file and print sharing where applicable.**

Wireless users must supply their own wireless-enabled laptop computers or handheld devices; the Library does not supply wireless cards or laptops. Wireless Internet access is available free of charge to all users, subject to log-in procedures.

To access the Library's wireless network, users must log in using their library card barcode number. Cards from any Connecticut public library are accepted; users not holding a qualifying card may be issued a temporary guest card.

Wireless Internet access at the Ridgefield Library is not filtered by the Library. Parents wishing to restrict access to the Internet by their children should purchase filtering software for their personal laptops.

Library staff can verify whether the Library's wireless connection is functioning properly, but they cannot assist in making changes to users' network settings or troubleshooting the user's own hardware or software.

No printing services are available for computers accessing the wireless network at this time.

Audio output from laptops accessing the wireless network must be muted or directed to headphones.