

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY



WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

PURPOSE

The Library has established free wireless access (Wi-Fi) to the Internet for properly equipped laptops and other mobile devices for the purpose of enhancing and expanding our computer services for both members and visitors.

REQUIREMENTS

- Visitors do not need a library card to use the Wi-Fi service, but we encourage all eligible persons to apply for a card at the circulation desk.
- Your device must be equipped with a Wi-Fi capable network card or USB wireless adapter or similar hardware to receive the wireless signal. Newer devices may already be configured to detect wireless signals automatically.
- A web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer is required to navigate the Internet.

RULES

- Users are expected to use their device's battery power. If your battery fails, the library staff will assist you in locating an appropriate electrical outlet.
- The library's wireless access point is intended to allow library members and visitors to access the Internet from their portable wireless devices while located within range of the access point. This service may not be used as a permanent connection by nearby residents or businesses.
- There is no time limit on using the Wi-Fi network.
- Access to the service is a privilege, not a right, and is conditioned on legal and appropriate use. Users are expected to refrain from viewing inappropriate websites, spamming, or engaging in illegal or disruptive activities. Users who are disturbing others in any way may be asked to leave the library. Wireless users are expected to adhere to the Berlin Free Town library's Computer and Internet Use Policy where applicable.
- Due to the increased use of residential wireless networks, user's devices may detect signals other than the signal provided by the library. Use of any wireless signals other than the signal provided by the library is not allowed while on library property. **The library's signal name (SSID) is "Berlin-Library" This is case-sensitive.**
- Users are expected to avoid using applications that may use large amounts of network bandwidth, such as file-sharing applications.
- Users must use headphones for all audio.

SECURITY, LIABILITY & LIMITATIONS

- The library staff will provide only limited technical support. The staff is under no obligation to provide technical assistance with a user's wireless connectivity issues. Users are responsible for configuring their devices. A "help" sheet that provides instructions on troubleshooting wi-fi connection issues is posted and also available at the main library desk. We recommend that users also read their own system, wireless hardware, and wireless software manuals thoroughly.
- Use of the Wi-Fi network is at the user's own risk. Updated virus protection, firewalls and installation of up-to-date security patches are the user's responsibility. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files, storage media or any personal property while in the library's facilities or on library grounds.
- Wireless transmissions are not secure, and can be intercepted. It is recommended that you do not use Wi-Fi for banking, investments, or transmission of personal information unless you are confident of a webpage's SSL encryption.
- The library does not guarantee uninterrupted wireless service. This service is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis. Wi-Fi may be disrupted at any time due to broadband outages, power outages, "dead spots", etc. Reception strength may vary depending on location. If you are certain that your device is wireless compatible and you cannot connect or are frequently losing your connection, you may need to move to a different area within the library to receive a stronger signal.
- The library staff reserves the right to terminate a wireless Internet session at any time, without notice. It is highly recommended, therefore, that you frequently save any important data while you are working online.
- The Berlin Free Town Library's Trustees adopted the American Library Association's "Freedom to View" and "Library Bill of Rights" policies in 1989 and does not use Internet filtering of any kind. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the information accessed over the Internet by their children. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions or purchase filtering software for their children's laptops or mobile devices.

This policy, posted at the library and on the library's website, may be revised at any time. Violations of this or any other library policy may result in permanent loss of all library privileges.