



V. Services to the Public

E. Circulating Wi-Fi Hotspots

Purpose

As a part of its vision to provide patrons with local access to the world, Viking Library System offers public access to the Internet through its circulating Wi-Fi hotspot service.

Patron Use Policy

Internet resources are, by their nature, not subject to the VLS's traditional material selection procedures. Any material downloaded or otherwise obtained through use of the service is accessed at the patron's own discretion and risk. VLS does not accept responsibility for any information found on the Internet including, but not limited to, inaccurate, outdated, or offensive information. VLS, its governing board, and its employees assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from patron use of the Internet through the circulating Wi-Fi hotspots. VLS is not responsible for any files, data, or personal information accessed, shared, or transmitted while using a circulating Wi-Fi device. The borrower or guardian is responsible to determine what is appropriate for users to access on the Internet. The device is the property of the VLS, and VLS may suspend Internet service and request the device be returned if any policies or agreements are not followed.

The device vendor reserves the right to block certain content or transmissions, or delete certain messages or other content, as they deem necessary to protect any individual or entity, comply with applicable laws, regulations, or government requests. VLS and/or device vendor reserves the right to install, manage and operate software or other monitoring solutions in order to track potentially illegal activities or violations. The patron acknowledges that the Internet and wireless communications are not inherently secure means of data communication and that VLS and the device vendors and service providers shall have no liability for breaches of security beyond their reasonable control. It is the sole responsibility of the patron to obtain and implement appropriate security devices, software, and other measures to protect the patron's systems and data from security threats, and VLS and the device vendor have no responsibility or liability with regard thereto.

VLS filters Internet resources in order to block pornographic sites and sites that pose a security risk. Patrons may not use the circulating Wi-Fi hotspots and Internet access for any illegal purpose (e.g. copyright infringement, software piracy, transmission of threatening or harassing materials) or to display graphics that are harmful to minors or are obscene. Laws governing obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors include, but are not limited to Minnesota Statutes sections 617.241, 617.245, 617.246, 617.247, and 617.291 through 617.296, as well as the provisions of Public Law 106-554 that relate to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

When borrowing a circulating Wi-Fi hotspot, patrons also agree to abide by the terms of Verizon's Acceptable Use Policy.

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