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Internet Access Policy

The Selma Public Library (heretofore referred to as SPL) offers free internet and wireless access (aka “hot spot” and “WiFi”) to Library patrons for Library related research, informational, and learning purposes. Internet usage on public computers, personal laptops and/or other mobile devices are unsecured, accessible only during normal Library operating hours, and filtered to comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) regulations.

In compliance with CIPA, the SPL has installed filters on all public computers offering internet accessibility. This filter is intended to block access to those graphic images and materials defined as harmful to minors in the North Carolina General Statutes 14-190.1 – 14.190.15. Pursuant to these state laws, the SPL is required to protect minor children from seeing any sexually explicit sites, even accidentally on Library computers. As a result, content and some websites are filtered by blocked on Library computers.

Use of the SPL’s free internet and wireless access network is entirely at the risk of the user. The SPL and SPL staff are not liable for any material transmitted electronically by internet or wireless access user, loss and/or damage resulting from the loss of confidential information including credit card numbers, passwords, and/or any other sensitive information. Additionally, the SPL and the SPL staff disclaim all liability for damages caused to hardware or software due to electric surges, viruses or hacking.

Internet access and wireless service is completely at the discretion of the SPL and may be blocked, suspended or terminated indefinitely at any time for any reason including but not limited to: violation of the Public Computer Access Policy, disruption of access to other users or networks, and violations of those portions (listed below) of the SPL’s Acceptable Use Policy, applicable to users of Library owned public computers or wireless internet use. Internet access is limited to 30 minutes per day. Time may be extended based on user demand; however, the maximum time per day is two (2) hours.

Acceptable use policy: Users of internet and wireless access are expected to use the resources in a responsible manner. Use of Library computers to send, receive or display inappropriate materials, defined as text or graphics which may be reasonable deemed as obscene is specifically prohibited. As noted, filters are in place in compliance with CIPA to protect against access to material that may be reasonable construed as obscene, pornography, graphic violence, or harmful to minors. Use of internet or wireless access provided by the SPL to violate state or federal laws regarding public displays of pornography, cyber stalking, cyber bullying, identity theft, fraud, etc., is strictly forbidden and may result in loss of SPL use privileges. Further, law enforcement officials who may have probable cause to suspect illegal usage of SPL public access computers may obtain usage records for these machines in accordance with state law. Users of both internet and wireless access are expected to comply with all federal and state regulations protecting minors from potentially harmful internet material.

All users must sign a Library Internet Acceptable Use Agreement before usage occurs. Public computer access, free internet access, and free wireless access is a user privilege, not a right. Accordingly, the privilege may be permanently revoked at any point due to misuse.