

WiFi Hotspot Policy

New Ulm Public Library provides mobile WiFi hotspots for checkout to patrons ages 18 and older with a library card in good standing (updated contact information, no lost materials, and fines less than \$10). All borrowers must sign a Mobile Hotspot User Agreement before being allowed to check out a device.

Hotspot checkout is limited to one per household. The lending period is three weeks, and hotspots cannot be renewed. The library is not responsible for any liability, damages, or expense resulting from use or misuse of the device, connection of the device to other electronic devices, or data loss resulting from use of the device.

Library hotspots are not filtered. The library is not responsible for information accessed using this device or for personal information that is shared over the Internet. The library does not track web usage or data accessed and does not share such information. We encourage hotspot users to follow safe Internet practices. It is prohibited for hotspot users to view, display, or disseminate materials that are judged in accordance with current legal definitions as being obscene or to use the Internet in any way that violates federal, state, or municipal laws.

You can only use the hotspot inside the continental United States. There is no international data or roaming. A patron will be responsible for any charges accrued outside the continental United States.

Checkout procedure:

- Patrons must present their library card at the Service Center and complete a User Agreement at the time of checkout. Once a hotspot is checked out to a patron, it becomes the responsibility of that patron.
- The patron is responsible for theft, loss, or damage. If there are technical difficulties, return the device immediately to the library.
- Never return a device in the book drop. The patron will be held responsible for damage to the item if it is returned in the book drop.
- The device will be remotely deactivated if not returned by its due date. Full replacement cost is \$100. The patron is responsible for full replacement cost if the device or any parts are lost, stolen, damaged, or otherwise not returned.

WiFi Hotspot User Agreement

New Ulm Public Library is lending you a WiFi hotspot to access the Internet. Your signature below indicates that you and your household users agree to the terms and conditions set forth here:

- The borrower is 18 years of age or older.
- The borrower agrees to return the device, accessories, and case on or before the due date.
- If the hotspot is lost or damaged, the borrower will pay a replacement fee of \$100. If the borrower encounters technical difficulties, the hotspot should be returned to the library immediately.

- The borrower understands that the Library is not responsible for any files, data, or personal information accessed, shared, or transmitted while using the hotspot.
- The borrower is responsible for determining what is appropriate for users to access on the Internet.
- The hotspot is checked out for use by the borrower's household and will not be lent to other individuals.
- The hotspot must be returned directly to the Service Center. The borrower will be held responsible for damage to the item if it is returned in the book drop.
- Any material downloaded or otherwise obtained through use of the service is accessed at your own discretion and risk. The library is not responsible for any third-party websites, content, services, or products that the borrower or borrower's household may access or encounter during the use of the hotspot. The borrower acknowledges that the Internet and wireless communications are not inherently secure means of data communication, and the library shall have no liability for breaches of security. It is the borrower's responsibility to obtain and implement appropriate security devices, software, and other measures to protect personal systems and data from viruses, worms, Trojan horses, or other security threats, and the library has no responsibility or liability with regard thereto.
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I understand and agree to these rules of use. By signing this agreement, I accept this WiFi User Agreement and am stating that I am responsible to return this equipment to New Ulm Public Library in good working condition and free from damage.

That you agree to indemnify and hold harmless the New Ulm Public Library and the City of New Ulm from any and all claims for damages for personal injury, death, property damage, or any other claim or cause of action for any reason brought by any third party arising out of or connected in any way to your use of the device and accessories that are the subject of this Agreement.

Patron signature

Patron printed name

Date

Library use only

Patron card number

Date checked out/Staff initials

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