



**Policies and Procedures**  
**Policy 0028**

### **Wi-Fi Usage**

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The Libraries of Stevens County is pleased to offer free public wireless Internet access at all library locations. Users who have personal devices (laptops, smart phones, tablets, etc.) with wireless Internet cards may be able to access a wireless connection from inside the Libraries of Stevens County buildings. At most locations, wireless is also available outside the library, within a limited radius.

#### **About Wi-Fi at the Libraries of Stevens County:**

Most wireless devices should recognize the library network automatically. If your device does not have wireless built in, you must purchase a Wi-Fi compatible network card.

- The library staff may not be able to assist users in obtaining a wireless connection.
- Signal strength may vary throughout the library. Please move to a different location within the library if you are having trouble securing a connection or staying online.
- Library staff may not be able to perform repairs or troubleshoot your equipment.
- Wireless connections are not secure; use caution when transmitting personal information.
- Be prepared to use battery power. Do not plug into an outlet where you block aisles, exits or access to materials or equipment.
- Libraries have limited electrical outlets available for public use in designated areas.
- The library cannot guarantee your equipment will work with the library's network.
- Do not leave your equipment unattended. The library is not responsible for equipment that is lost or stolen.

#### **Rules for Acceptable Use of Wireless Internet Connections**

Regardless of the Wi-Fi source, wireless Internet users inside the library or on library premises are subject to the library's Access to Electronic Services and World Wide Web policy, with the exception of those rules that apply to library-owned equipment.

Specifically, as a wireless Internet user, you must:

- Stop viewing any site that creates a hostile environment for other library users and staff if a staff member asks you to stop.
- Follow the rules of the websites you visit.
- Never harass others with prints, images or messages.
- View and print only legal material and conduct only legal activity.
- Make appropriate choices about the sites you view when others are present, since the library is a public place that serves children as well as adults.
- Library staff may impose daily data usage limits.
- Use sound-muffling headphones or mute sound to avoid disturbing others.
- Never block aisles, exits, access to library materials, exhibit cases or other resources.
- Follow all provisions of Library's Rules of Conduct.
- In cases of threatening behavior or illegal activities, law enforcement will be notified.

Wireless users who do not follow the rules for wireless Internet use may be asked to stop using wireless connection inside the library, be excluded from all county libraries and/or be prosecuted.

**Notice:** Warning of Copyright Restrictions

As a patron, your ability to post or link to copyrighted material is governed by United States copyright law. The library reserves the right to delete or disable any post or link that, in the judgment of library staff, violates copyright law. In accordance with 17 USC § 512 (i)(1)(A), the library may terminate a patron's access to the system or network for disrespect of the intellectual property rights of others, or for repeat infringements of copyright. The library has adopted this policy and will make all reasonable effort to enforce it in appropriate circumstances.