Brockville Public Library Wireless Access Policy   Passed September 18, 2006

To fulfill its mission of providing access to information of all types in a wide range of formats, the Brockville Public Library provides free wireless access within the Library's premises. The use of personal laptops, PDAs, and other mobile Internet devices can be used to gain connectivity to the Library's wireless network without a network jack.

The Library's wireless access points, also known as hot spots or WiFi, are unsecured connections to the World Wide Web. Wireless access is provided during the Library's regular hours of operation and no authentication is required to connect.

All wireless users are expected to act in a lawful and respectful manner. By connecting to the Library wireless network, users are required to conform to the conditions outlined in the Brockville Public Library's Internet Use Policy.

Most WiFi equipment will be compatible; however the Library can make no guarantees as to compatibility of any equipment with the library's network.

Use of the Library's wireless network is entirely at the user's own risk. Brockville Public Library will not be responsible for any compromised information or loss through use of its wireless access. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Ø Electrical surges
- Ø Disruptions to wireless service
- Ø Loss or theft of the wireless device

Additional Guidelines:

As the Library's wireless network is not secure, information sent to or from laptops, PDA's or other mobile Internet devices, can potentially be captured by someone else.

It is the users responsibility to protect their device from viruses and hackers (e.g. by up-to-date anti-virus software, firewalls, etc.)

The Library recommends that credit card, online banking information, and passwords NOT be transmitted while using the wireless network

The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop configurations, security, or data files resulting from the connection to the Brockville Public Library wireless network

Printers are not available on the wireless network. To print, patrons must save the file to an external storage device (i.e. floppy disk, CD, or USB drive), and then print from one of the Library's computer workstations.

Direct access to a mail server is not available. In order to send and receive email using the wireless connection, patrons will need to use a web-based mail service (such as Hotmail, Yahoo!, GMail, etc.)**.**

To use Brockville Public Library's Wireless Internet connection patrons will need their own:

Laptop
Wireless network interface card.
Compatible headphone if you plan to use audio files

Please NOTE:
The Library cannot assist you with your laptop, card, or configuration. The Library cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment. The Library will not be held responsible for any damages sustained while using your laptop/wireless device within the Library's premises or while using the Library's wireless network.