Hotspot Lending Policy



The library has several hotspots for circulation. They are being made available through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Hotspot Lending Program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act grant.

- The Forbush Memorial Library offers the loan of a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot to patrons ages 17+, limited to one hotspot per household per loan period. Devices are unfiltered.
- Library cardholders in good standing may check out a hotspot for 14 days with one automatic renewal. Upon returning a hotspot, patrons must wait 24 hours before borrowing an additional hotspot. Borrowers must be 17+, no checkouts on cards for people under the age of 17. No checkouts on children's cards.
- The hotspot must be returned to the main desk at the Forbush Memorial Library. Book drop returns are not allowed. Hotspots will not be sent through delivery to another library.
- Hotspots cannot be "claimed returned".
- Fines are \$5.00 per day with a maximum of \$25.00; if the item is lost the charge is \$145.00.
- Users agree to conform to and follow the Library's Internet Use Policy, and abide by Local, State and Federal Laws.
- Users understand that open, unsecured wireless network "hotspots" are freely and easily
 accessible and are unsecure. Users understand that the Service Provider, Library, and their
 officials and employees are not responsible for, and will not be held responsible for, any files,
 data, confidential, or personal information accessed, transmitted, lost or damaged as a result
 of using the hotspot.

Directions:

Connect your Wi-Fi device to the Mobile Hotspot

- 1. Power on the mobile hotspot (hold the power button for 3 seconds).
- 2. On your computer or other device, search for available Wi-Fi networks* and select the network name (Forbush Library).
- 3. Enter password: LibraryWest (case sensitive).
- 4. Wait. It can take 2-3 minutes for the devices to sync and connect to the cellular network.

This hotspot runs on the T-Mobile network, so service depends on availability of network, your location, and your device's specifications.

How to find available Wi-Fi networks:

- 1. From a Windows computer: left click Wireless Network Connection on the task bar to view available networks. Choose the Network name (Forbush Library) from the list of available networks.
- 2. From a Mac computer: Select System Preferences-Network-Airport. Click Advanced to choose SSID (network name) from the list of available networks.
- 3. From an IOS device: Setting- Wi-Fi. Choose SSID (network name) from the list of available networks.
- 4. From an Android device: Settings- Wi-Fi Settings. Choose the SSID (network name) from the list of available networks.

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