**Internet Wireless Access (Wi-Fi) Policy**

The Weldon Public Library offers free wireless access to the Internet via wireless fidelity of “Wi-Fi” at the library. This service allows patrons to access the Internet using their own laptop computer or Personal Digital Assistant (PDA’s).

The Library District’s public wireless network is open to anyone who agrees to abide by the Library’s “Rules for Using Public Access Computers” and “Internet Rules”. This policy prohibits abusive, offensive and illegal activities while inside the facility or while using the Library’s Internet connection from outside of the facility.

The Library District’s wireless Internet access service is unfiltered. By choosing to use this free service, patrons agree to abide by all applicable Library District Policies. (Rules for Using Public Access Computers/Internet Parental Consent). Library patrons will need to provide their own equipment with an installed Wi-Fi network card. Library staff can verify that the wireless network is operating, but they cannot troubleshoot problems related to the patron’s hardware, software or configurations. Please note that the Library cannot guarantee a particular device will work with the Library’s access points.

Wi-Fi users do not need to have a library card to access the wireless hotspots. In addition, no special encryption settings, user names or passwords are required. Patrons will not have access to the Library printers through the Wi-Fi connection. To print, work should be saved to a disk or e-mailed to the patron’s account and then accessed on a device that is connected to a printer.

At this time, the Wi-Fi connection is available 24/7. The speed of the service will be slower during times when more people are using the connection. Wi-Fi users should not unplug any other library equipment to plug in their own devices. Users should ask a staff member for assistance in locating an available outlet.

Patrons should take appropriate precautions when using this service. Wi-Fi users assume all risks and responsibilities associated with using the Library District’s hotspots. The Library is not liable for any consequences of wireless network access including: loss of data, transmission of computer viruses and the interception of sensitive data. The Library recommends Wi-Fi users provide anti-virus protection and appropriate security settings on their own equipment.