

Users Responsibilities When Using the Library's Wireless Access

The Ellsworth Public Library provides unfiltered wireless Internet access. This service is for patrons with wireless-capable devices, such as wireless-capable laptops and handheld computers. This service is intended to be available during the normal operating hours of the library. However, the library cannot guarantee that wireless service will be available at any specific time.

Individuals need to know how to use their wireless device's configuration software to connect to the wireless network. Due to liability issues, library staff is not allowed to configure patrons' laptops or handheld computers or install any devices or software on those computers. Technical support is only available from the wireless service vendor.

Wireless networks are not secure and use is at the individual's own risk. Virus, security and privacy protection are the responsibility of the patron and are not provided by the library.

The library is not responsible for any damage to data files, alteration to file systems, or functionality of the computer resulting from connecting to the wireless network.

The library is not responsible for damage, theft, loss of property, personal information, software or other personal property used in the library.

The library cannot guarantee Internet speed or quality of the connection.

The library does not supply printing on the wireless network.

Although patrons using the Internet are free to access any site with content that is protected under the free speech provisions of the Constitution, it is unacceptable to send, receive, or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene by community standards. The determination that content of a web site is "obscene by community standards" can be made only by the courts, not by the Library staff or the Library board.

It is illegal to view, send, receive, print, distribute, or display visual depictions that are child pornography. It is also illegal to view, send, receive, print, distribute, or display visual depictions that are harmful to minors if you are a minor, are in the presence of minor/s, or are communicating with minors. (Wis. Stat. sec. 948.11)