



# Putnam County District Library

## Wireless Network Policy

The Putnam County District Library (PCDL) provides free wireless access (Wi-Fi) at all library locations for library patrons to use with their own personal notebooks, laptops, and other mobile devices. All users are expected to use the library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided.

### ACCEPTABLE USE

While using PCDL wireless access, users are governed by the Library's Internet and Computer Use Policy and should not violate, Federal, State of Ohio or local laws, including but not limited to:

- The transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material. Access to or display of obscene language and sexually explicit graphics as defined in section 2901.01 and 2907.31 of the Ohio Revised Code is not permitted.
- Fraud – Users are prohibited from misrepresenting themselves as another user; attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database
- Downloading copyrighted material. U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of "fair use". Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials without the explicit permission of the copyright holder

### SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

Wireless access is by nature an insecure medium. As with most public wireless networks, any information being sent or received over the PCDL wireless network could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords and any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless "hot spot".

Anyone using the wireless network provided by PCDL is forewarned that there can be no expectation of privacy when using the wireless network, whether accessed from an external or internal site. Users assume all associated risks and agree to hold harmless the PCDL and its employees for any personal information (e.g. credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to users' hardware or software due to electric surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless devices.

### DISCLAIMER

Use of the PCDL wireless connection is entirely at the risk of the user, and the Library is not responsible for any loss of information that may arise from the use of the wireless connection, nor is the PCDL responsible for any

loss, injury, or damages resulting from the use of the wireless connection. Furthermore, the user should be aware that the Internet itself is a resource not regulated by library staff or any government or commercial entity. Therefore, some information found on the Internet may be controversial, inaccurate, misleading or objectionable. Information available through the Internet is not guaranteed by the library or OPLIN to be accurate, authoritative, factual, or complete. All users of this service agree to hold the library and/or OPLIN harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations or liabilities, directly or indirectly relating to this service and /or the networked information available via this service.