

Abington Public Library Hotspot Lending Policy

The Hotspot Lending Program supports the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Goal to Advance Equitable Access to Resources by promoting “excellent connectivity and technology infrastructure...to equitably meet the needs of library users in Massachusetts” and the Institute of Museum and Library Services’ American Rescue Plan Act Objective 1.1 to advance digital inclusion.

- Any resident from a municipality certified in the State Aid to Public Libraries program by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is eligible to borrow a hotspot. Patron must be a registered Old Colony Library Network borrower.
- Hotspot borrowers must be 18 years of age and be a borrower in good standing.
- Only one hotspot is allowed per household. Each hotspot will support up to ten (10) connected devices.
- Hotspots may be borrowed for two (2) weeks and may not be renewed. Hotspots must be returned to the Library and may not be checked out again for at least a 24 hour period.
- Patrons who return a hotspot 7 or more days late will be blocked from hotspot borrowing for 30 days; extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Library Director or designee in determining a hotspot block. Habitual abuse of hotspot borrowing privileges may result in a longer block period at the discretion of the Library Director/designee.
- Fines will not be assessed on a hotspot which is overdue. If the hotspot is not returned within 1 day of the due date, the service may be turned off and the hotspot will become unusable.
- After 10 days overdue, the hotspot will be declared lost and the patron will be billed for the replacement cost of the hotspot.
- Patrons may be held monetarily responsible for loss or damage; borrowing privileges may be affected.
- Borrowers will comply with the [Abington Public Library’s Internet policy](#) when using the mobile hotspot.
- While borrowed, the hotspot remains the responsibility of the borrower. Borrowers should not lose control of the device by lending it to other people.
- Any attempt to alter the configuration of the hotspot is strictly prohibited and will result in the loss of borrowing privileges.