

HOLLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY WIRELESS ACCESS POLICY

Wireless access is made possible by the generosity of the Holliston Lions Club and Comcast. It is open to everyone and no library card is required for use. When you use the library's wireless service you are accepting the Internet Use Policy (see below) and this wireless policy. Please take time to read the policies before accessing the network. Patrons must conclude wireless use 10 minutes before the library closes and end a session when asked to do so by a staff member.

What you will need

Wireless network interface card

A laptop or PDA

Headphones if you plan to use audio files

Password of the day

The library staff will try to assist you in using wireless access by providing technical information. We cannot handle or configure any of your equipment or give advice on using your laptop. The library is not responsible for any loss of data or damaged or stolen equipment. Wireless hardware and software has many variables and access may not work for everyone all the time. There is always a possibility of wireless signals being intercepted, lost of data, viruses and exposure of personal information. It is the responsibility of the user to educate him/herself about such risks. The library will not tolerate the use of the wireless network for illegal or unethical activities or access to illegal materials. The viewing of sites displaying pornographic or sexually explicit images is inappropriate in a public library setting and is prohibited. Staff members are authorized to intercede when this policy is violated. Internet use must be concluded 10 minutes before the library closes. No printing services are available at this time. A password is required to access the wireless network and is available from either circulation desk. This password is changed daily for security reasons.

HOLLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY **INTERNET ACCESS POLICY**

The mission of the Holliston Public Library is to “endeavor to enrich the community by connecting people to the world of ideas, information and imagination to support their work, education, personal growth and enjoyment.” To do so, the library provides resources in a variety of formats to ensure access to information. The Internet is one of those resources. The Holliston Public Library does not select the material on the Internet and is not responsible for the accuracy, content, nature or quality of information obtained. The library does not endorse

viewpoints presented. As with other library materials, the responsibility of determining what is valuable or appropriate lies with the library patron or, in the case of minors, with their parents or guardians.

Patrons using the Internet are expected to demonstrate judgment, respect for others and appropriate conduct while using library resources and facilities. The library will not tolerate the use of its computers for illegal or unethical activities or to access illegal materials. Patrons are reminded that the computers are located in public areas that are shared by library users and staff of all ages. The viewing of web sites that display pornographic or sexually explicit graphics is not appropriate in a public library setting and is prohibited. Staff is authorized to intercede when this policy is violated.

In the interest of making the Internet as safe as possible for children, the library uses filtering software in the Children's Room. No filtering device is completely effective or efficient. It may allow access to some sites that could be deemed objectionable and restrict access to sites with legitimate research value. The library urges parents to monitor their child's Internet use. A parent who would like their child to use an unfiltered workstation in the adult section may do so as long as they accompany the child at all times. The library and the Minuteman Library Network are constantly developing links to recommended sites that are current, authoritative and useful. The staff is available to provide assistance.

Misuse of the library computers may result in the loss of privileges and possibly prosecution. This includes, but is not limited to, attempts to damage the library's equipment or software, to interfere with security software or to violate copyright or software licenses. The library cannot assume any responsibility for damages arising directly or indirectly from the use of its Internet workstations.

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