

## Wireless Access Point Policy

### Hamilton-Wenham Public Library



The library offers wireless "WiFi" access for users with properly equipped laptops. When you use the Internet in the Hamilton-Wenham Library, you are accepting the library's *Computer Use and Internet Policy*. Please take the time to read the policy before accessing the network.

All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their laptop computers or wireless devices.

Library staff will provide general information on the settings necessary to access the Internet via these connections, but are not responsible for any changes you make to your computer's settings and cannot guarantee your hardware will work with our wireless connection.

If a user has problems accessing the Internet over these connections, staff will verify the library's connections are up and running, but they cannot assist in making changes to the user's network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user's own computer. Please refer to your owner's manual or other support services offered by your device manufacturer.

The Internet is a public communications network, which means that there can be untrustworthy parties between you and anybody you communicate with. Wireless poses the same risks to your personal information that a wired network poses, as well as some new risks. Cautious and informed wireless users should choose not to transmit their credit card information and passwords while using any wireless "hot spot." As with most public wireless "hot spots," this connection is not secure. Potentially any information being sent or received could be intercepted by another wireless user. Please take appropriate precautions when using this service.

The library will not be responsible for any information (i.e. credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware or software due to security issues or consequences caused by viruses, hacking, or library systems.

Printers are not available via the wireless connection; if you need to print, save to a floppy disk and use one of our public workstations to print.

**Approved by the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Board of Trustees**

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