

## HOTSPOT USER AGREEMENT

The Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS), in conjunction with a grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), is offering hotspots for checkout to be used at home as part of an effort to provide technology assistance with COVID-19 Pandemic related issues and recovery. The intention of the grant is to provide temporary internet access to people who need it at home for use with schoolwork, employment, and personal use.

Patrons access the internet at their own discretion. Although many valuable sources of information are available via the internet, the Library can neither verify the accuracy nor control the content of material found. Patrons may find that some websites contain material they consider offensive or inappropriate. Parents and/or guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor their minor children's use of electronic resources, including email, and to establish guidelines consistent with personal and individual family values and boundaries.

- Hotspots are checked out to PINES Library cardholders 18 years of age or older for fourteen days. A valid PINES Library card, current and in good standing, is required each time a hotspot is checked out. Either the patron's PINES account or ID must reflect membership or residency in the Flint River Regional Library System (Butts, Fayette, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, or Spalding Counties). Limit one per household.
- **Patrons must return the hotspot to the public service desk at the library where it was checked out during library hours. Patrons may not return the hotspot in the bookdrop or to another branch.**
- Hotspots may not be renewed, but another may be checked out if one is available when the first is returned.
- If a patron loses or damages the hotspot or any of its components, the replacement costs will be:
  - Hotspot: \$79.99
  - Case: \$19.99
  - USB to USB-C cable: \$9.99
  - AC Adapter: \$9.99
  - Total replacement max: \$99.98 (hotspot + case)
- The late fee is \$3.00 a day with a maximum late fee of \$10.00.

Furthermore, while using a library hotspot, understand that:

- Use of the library hotspot for illegal purposes is expressly forbidden, in accordance with applicable legal statutes.
- Use of the hotspot to access material that is obscene as defined under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 16-12-80), child pornography as defined under federal or state law (18 U.S.C. 2256; O.C.G.A. 16-12-100), and material that is "harmful to minors" as defined under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 16-12-102) is not allowed.
- FRRLS is not responsible for any liability, damages or expenses resulting from use or misuse of a library hotspot, connection of the hotspot to other electronic devices, or data loss resulting from use of a library hotspot.
- FRRLS is not responsible for the breach or interception of confidential information resulting from the malicious activity of another internet user.
- The internet contains images and content that may be offensive or harmful to some. FRRLS is released from all liabilities associated with the viewing, use, or exposure to any images and content patrons may encounter while using this wireless connection.
- Patrons create, use and store personal data, including all files, folders and media, on their own computer or other device at their own risk. FRRLS is not responsible for the loss of any personal data, including all files, folders and media.
- Reconfiguring the hotspot is not allowed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print your name) have read and understand the Hotspot Users Agreement and agree that I will be responsible to pay any late fees if I do not return the hotspot by the time due, as well as all repair and replacement costs if the hotspot is lost, stolen, or damaged during my checkout period, or if Library Staff identifies any such damage during inspection upon my return of the hotspot. I agree that I will not loan, sell, lease, transfer to anyone else, nor "hack" the hotspot in any manner. Furthermore, I agree to not use the hotspot to display or download any graphic material that would be offensive to the general population. I understand that any failure on my part to comply with the stipulations of this agreement and the guidelines given may result in the suspension of my hotspot access privileges.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

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