

HOTSPOT LENDING POLICY

Purpose

The Worth Public Library makes hotspots available to adult Worth Public Library cardholders to facilitate their educational, informational, and recreational needs.

Rules and Regulations

1. Hotspots may be borrowed by Worth Public Library cardholders ages eighteen [18] years of age and older whose library card is in good standing (users with fines \$5.00 and over are blocked).
2. Hotspots may be placed on hold and will be provided subject to availability. Specific dates cannot be guaranteed.
3. Hotspots may not be borrowed through interlibrary loan.
4. Hotspots are limited to one hotspot per family
5. Hotspots may be borrowed for 14 days and are not renewable.
6. Hotspots must be returned on time and in person. An "on time" return is defined as a hotspot that is returned prior to closing on the seventh day of checkout. Borrowers who have on two separate occasions returned the hotspots late will lose hotspot borrowing privileges for a period of six months. Borrowers are encouraged to wait until the hotspot is checked in by a staff member.
7. Hotspots that are overdue will be deactivated. Any reactivation fee will be charged to the borrower.
8. Fines for unreturned hotspots are \$5.00 for each day the hotspot is overdue, not counting days the library is closed.
9. Borrowers must provide a photo ID (driver's license or state ID) and sign the Hotspot Lending Agreement.
10. The borrower assumes full responsibility for the cost of repair or replacement if the hotspot and/or its accessories are lost or damaged.

Limits of Use

1. The library is not responsible for sites patrons encounter on the Internet while using the hotspot.
2. Parents or guardians of minors assume responsibility of a minor's use of these devices.
3. Hotspots are not filtered.
4. Borrowers are prohibited from using hotspots in any way that violates Federal, State, and/or local laws. Unlawful use of the hotspot may result in removal of hotspot privileges and/or legal prosecution. Illegal acts that involve the library's devices are subject to prosecution by local, State or Federal authorities.
5. Signal strength may vary by location, and the library cannot guarantee connectivity.
6. The library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of the hotspot or from its connection to Internet services.
7. Users are encouraged to follow safe Internet practices. The Library is not responsible for personal information that is shared over the Internet.
8. The user agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Library, its representatives, elected officials, officers, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities, including the reasonable fees and expenses of their attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants, court costs and fines, asserted against them or sought to be imposed upon them, individually, jointly or severally, and which arise directly or indirectly out of or in connection in any way with the use of the hotspot.

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Thomas Lee Miller

President, Board of Trustees

**WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
HOTSPOT LENDING AGREEMENT**

I have read and understand the Worth Public Library District Hotspot Lending Policy and agree to adhere to the terms and conditions contained therein.

I will return the hotspot to the Circulation Desk and will wait while staff confirm that I have returned all components.

Print Name (First and Last)

Worth Public Library card number

21528

Photo Identification provided

Address

Telephone

e-mail address

Borrower's signature

Staff Signature