

Wi-Fi at Home: Borrow a Hotspot

C.C. Mellor Library is now loaning Wi-Fi hotspots to cardholders. A Wi-Fi hotspot is a device you can use to connect a mobile-enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet, to the Internet. The hotspots are easy and convenient to use. Each one is packaged as a kit that includes a case, a charger and step-by-step instructions. The hotspot is portable, so it goes where you go within the US — on the bus, in a park or at home. It's perfect for business and leisure travel too. With the hotspot, users no longer have to contend with roaming charges and spotty internet access while on the road.

Adult cardholders in good standing may borrow one Wi-Fi hotspot at a time. The hotspot can support up to 10 Wi-Fi enabled devices. Hotspots may be borrowed for one week and cannot be renewed. Stop into the Library to either check out a hotspot, if available, or put your name on the waiting list to receive one later. Hotspots cannot be reserved for specific dates. Like other library items, the hotspots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be lent out in the order in which they are requested. At this time, hotspots cannot be placed on hold from other libraries nor transferred to other libraries through delivery. Hotspots must be picked up and returned to the Library during regular business hours. Hotspots may not be put in the book drop.

Borrowing and using the device is free! However, a fine of \$1.00 per day will be assessed for overdue hotspots and Internet access will be deactivated within 24 hours beyond their due date. Should the hotspot or its accessories be lost or damaged, the borrower would be responsible for its replacement fee (\$70.00 for the hotspot, \$10.00 for the charger/cord and \$13.00 for the case). Hotspots more than 1 week late will be turned over to a collection agency.

One more thing to keep in mind: patrons' internet usage is not tracked by the Library, but while using the hotspots, patrons are governed by the same rules as the Library's Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Use Policy.