



## Welcome to Fort Bend County Libraries' Wireless Network

### WiFi and Internet Use Policy

The mission of Fort Bend County Libraries (FBCL) is to bring people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives, expand minds, and strengthen our diverse community. Within this context, FBCL offers free access to the Internet. Public use of the Internet in the library provides both expanded access to global resources and an opportunity to become familiar with state-of-the-art information technology.

Internet use in the library shall be consistent with our mission, policies and procedures, and with applicable local, state, federal, and international laws. Websites that present material of a questionable or unethical nature exist; Fort Bend County, its officials and its employees are not responsible for material displayed on the Web. Illegal use of the Internet, including – but not limited to – viewing obscenity or child pornography and infringement of copyright laws, is prohibited and can be grounds for loss of library privileges and/or criminal prosecution. The Internet offers a wealth of information that is enriching to individuals of all ages. Because it is an unregulated medium that changes rapidly and unpredictably, information may not always be accurate, complete, or current. Library users must accept responsibility for determining the validity and suitability of content.

The library's WiFi access is an open, public-access network. For protection, patrons should always make sure that they are on SSL-encrypted web pages before sending or receiving confidential data, and should keep their antivirus software up to date. Fort Bend County, its officials, and its employees are not responsible for Internet-borne viruses or other dangerous software patrons may have downloaded to their personal wireless devices.

FBCL does not guarantee patrons a connection, nor upload or download speeds to the Internet. Connection availability as well as the speed of the connection is based on the number of devices already connected to the wireless access point (WAP) and current data traffic loads.

FBCL staff cannot provide assistance with patrons' wireless devices.

To gain access to the Internet, patrons must accept the terms and conditions of this **WiFi and Internet Use Policy** statement.

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