Simcoe County Library Co-operative Wireless Access Policy

The County Library Co-operative and its member Libraries accept a mandate to provide access to information of all types in as wide a range of formats as possible. In pursuit of this and with the assistance of the County Information Technology Department, the participating Libraries provide free wireless access in Library facilities. Most mobile Internet devices can be used to gain connectivity to the wireless network without a network jack though the Library can make no guarantee as to the compatibility of any equipment with the network. Hours of access will be those of the hours of opening of this Library.

All users are asked to read and must agree to the following terms and conditions before accessing the network.

Users agree that they have read and will abide by the Internet Use Policy of the Library branch in which they access the wireless network, and shall in addition comply with the following:

- Users of the wireless service must be registered Library patrons or provide identification in order to obtain a temporary access account.

- Users shall **not** use the network for any unlawful purpose or to access or distribute material which is obscene, threatening, or offensive.

- Users shall **not** attempt to gain unauthorized access to any network or service, cause disruption to the network in any way, or propagate computer worms, viruses and other types of malicious programs.

- Users acknowledge that the Library and / or the County of Simcoe may be required to release network access logs to law enforcement agencies in respect to a criminal investigation.

- Users acknowledge that wireless access points are unsecured connections to the World Wide Web and are advised to act accordingly when sending proprietorial or personal information.

- Users shall accept any and all risks that may be involved in accessing the network. The Library nor the County of Simcoe will not be responsible for any compromised information or loss through events such as electrical surges, disruptions to the service, loss or theft of the mobile device or any other events that may prejudice equipment or data.

- Users acknowledge that bandwidth is limited and shall minimize activities which put unreasonable pressure on these resources (eg. downloading multi-media content). Unauthorized downloading may result in the loss of access privileges.

- Users shall be required to rely on the battery in their device. The Library does not have sufficient outlets and trailing cords represent a health and safety hazard.

- Printers are not available to the network. To print, patrons must save the file to an external storage device (USB drive) and then print from one of the Library's computer workstations.

- Direct access to a mail server is not available. Sending and receiving e-mail must be done through a wireless connection.

- To use the Wireless Internet connection patrons will need their own mobile device, a wireless network interface card and compatible headphones if they plan to access audio files.

- The Library cannot assist you with your device, card or configuration. The Library cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment. The Library will not be held responsible for any damages sustained while using your device within the Library's premises or while using the Library's wireless network.