

## Southwest Georgia Regional Library Hotspot Lending Program

Southwest Georgia Regional Library System offers hotspots to more effectively meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of Library patrons. Wireless hotspots are portable, rechargeable devices that connect laptops, smartphones, tablets and other devices to the internet. More than one device can be connected to the hotspot. In most situations, up to 15 devices can be connected simultaneously.

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 electronic mail, and to establish guidelines consistent with person and individual family values and boundaries.

Furthermore, while using a library hotspot, I understand that:

- Users must abide by all applicable portions of the Internet and Computer Use Policy available at [www.swgrl.org/library/policies](http://www.swgrl.org/library/policies)
- 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.
- Southwest Georgia Regional Library 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.
- Southwest Georgia Regional Library 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. Southwest Georgia Regional Library 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. Southwest Georgia Regional Library is not responsible for the loss of any personal data, including all files, folders and media.
- Reconfiguring the hotspot is not allowed.
- Patrons must return the hotspot to the circulation desk where it was checked out. Patrons may not return the hotspot in the bookdrop or to another branch.
- Hotspots are available for a 7 day checkout.

- Hotspots are not eligible for renewals.
- Patrons may place holds requesting hotspots through the PINES app, online account, or by contacting the circulation desk. The hotspot must be checked out on the account that placed the hold. Holds not picked up after 48 hours will be cancelled.
- Only one hotspot can be checked out to a patron or household at any time.
- **If a patron loses or damages the hotspot, the replacement cost will be \$150.00 and/or the applicable cost for accessories if lost, stolen or damaged while checked out to the patron's account.**
- The late fee is \$5 a day. Service to the hotspot will be deactivated when it becomes overdue.

The wireless hotspots are provided with funds from the Emergency Connectivity Fund, a program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This program is intended for library patrons who do not otherwise have access to equipment or services sufficient to meet the patron's educational needs.

**Finding the WiFi name and password:**

Just tap WiFi name and password on the Home screen.

Items included:

Verizon Jetpack MiFi 8800L

Wall/USB charger

Laminated copy of rules

Please return device to the location where you checked out the hotspot.

Decatur County – Gilbert H. Gragg Library

301 South Monroe Street

Bainbridge, GA 39819

229-248-2665

Miller County – James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

259 East Main Street

Colquitt, GA 39837

229-758-3131

Seminole County Public Library

103 West Fourth Street

Donalsonville, GA 39845

229-524-2665