

Jackson/Hinds Library System offers wireless "WiFi" access to the Internet as part of the library system's service to its patrons. Use of JHLS' wireless Internet access is governed by the Internet Safety Policy (I1-I2). When using the JHLS' Internet service patrons are accepting the Internet Safety Policy. Patrons should take time to read the policy before using the Internet and accepting its terms.

#### Responsibilities of Staff

Please note that the Library staff cannot assist patrons with their laptops, PDAs, wireless cards or configuration.

#### Disclaimer

JHLS assumes no responsibility for damages caused by programs downloaded from the Internet nor shall the library be responsible for any data loss or damage to personal equipment. The Library cannot assure the safety of data when using the Library's wired or wireless Internet access.

#### Advantages of "WiFi" access

1. No waiting for an available PC
2. No enforced time limits-connect as long as you like
3. Fast access
4. Download files
5. Save your files permanently on your own device

#### Limitations of "WiFi" access

1. No printing services are available
2. Signal strength may vary within the library

#### Adoption

This Wireless Internet Safety Policy, effective January 23, 2008, was adopted by the Administrative Board of the Jackson/Hinds Library System at a public meeting on January 23, 2008.

A section on Computer Usage Policy can be found in JHLS's Policies and Procedures Manual available at all branches.

#### Staff Assistance

Basic personal knowledge of computer use, software applications, and some knowledge about how to use the Internet are expected of patrons. Although library staff is able to offer searching suggestions and answer some questions, they cannot provide in-depth training on the Internet and personal computer use. Because of scheduling and other duties, staff may not always be available. Staff members can only provide limited assistance for basic start up procedures.

Reference books are available for more difficult questions.

### Time Limit

Internet access is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a 1-hour time limit per session only when others are waiting.

Patrons must sign in with staff and show proper I.D. before using the public access computers.

No more than 1 person may sit at the computer at one time unless prior permission has been obtained; however, if the signer leaves the premises the session is terminated.

### Printing

A printer is available for patron use at 20 cents per page.

A color printer is available at various library branches with pages costing 40 cents per page. Please see staff if any problems arise with the printer.

### Limitations

Patrons may not download to a hard drive, but may save information to compact discs and/or flash drives.

Patrons may not use personal software, or alter or attach equipment including laptops to the library's hardware or infrastructure.

### E-mail

The library does not offer electronic mail accounts.

Patrons with personal e-mail accounts are allowed access to those accounts.

### Ethical Use

The public display of graphic, obscene, and sexually oriented materials is illegal and not permitted under this policy. This is governed by the Mississippi Code Section 97-5-29, "Public Display of Sexually Oriented Materials."

Other illegal and unacceptable purposes include, but are not limited to: harassment of other users; libeling or slandering of other users; destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; or unauthorized copying of copyright protected materials.

Patrons determined to have used JHLS computers for illegal and/or unacceptable purposes will be required to stop using computer in such a

manner. Repeated offenses can result in patrons being banned from using computer services for six months or longer.