POLICY NAME:	Wireless Access Policy
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ADOPTED BY:	LaSalle Public Library Board of Trustees
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POLICY:

The LaSalle Public Library provides free Internet access points or "hot spots" for users with portable computers or devices capable of receiving wireless signals, during normal library business hours. These access points allow users to access the Internet from their laptop computers when sitting within range of the access points. The wireless Internet access offered is unfiltered. Persons utilizing the wireless connection agree to comply with the provisions of the current LaSalle Public Library *"Electronic Networks / Internet Policy"*. This policy states the limitations of internet access, patron's responsibilities for using the access and provides examples of acceptable and unacceptable uses. Support is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Staying Connected Grant and the Illinois State Library.

1. Library staff will provide general information on the settings necessary to access the Internet via these connections, but are not responsible for any changes users make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection.

2. The Library accepts no responsibility regarding the ability of patron owned equipment to connect to the wireless network. Library staff will not change settings on patron equipment.

3. The Library's wireless connection is unencrypted and unfiltered. Use of the wireless connection is done at the patron's own risk. By using this connection, patrons acknowledge that security errors and hacking are an inherent risk associated with any wireless service. For that reason, patrons expressly agree that they knowingly assume such risk, and further agree to hold the Library harmless from any claim or loss arising out of, or related to any such instance of hacking or other unauthorized use or access into the patron's computer.

4. The Library accepts no responsibility for any software downloaded and/or installed, e-mail opened, or sites accessed while patrons are on the wireless internet connection. Any damage done to the patron's equipment or self from viruses, identity theft, spyware, plug-ins, or other Internet-borne programs is the sole responsibility of the patron. The patron indemnifies and holds harmless the Library from any such damage.

5. All users are expected to adhere to a "good neighbor" policy and should avoid extended periods of high bandwidth usage or any needless network traffic. The wireless network is for client access only; it is not to be used to connect servers to the network nor as a means to provide network services. Any form of File Sharing or peer-to-peer applications is strictly forbidden.

6. The library provides access only to Web-based email. For Outlook or other email services, you must connect with your own Internet provider.

7. Access to printers via patron-owned equipment is not supported. If you need to print, please save your work to a floppy disk, memory stick, or email files to yourself, then login to a wired library workstation and send jobs to the public printer.

8. The LaSalle Public Library's *"Electronic Networks / Internet Policy"* governs use of these access points. All users are expected to use the library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided. Users who violate federal, state or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud, or downloading copyrighted material will have their long-term Internet privileges revoked as outlined in the LaSalle Public Library's "*Electronic Networks / Internet Policy".*

9. Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LIBRARY POLICIES
This policy is part of the library's overall policy structure and should be interpreted in conjunction with other existing policies. Copies of all library policies are available upon request from a Library staff member.

COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY
Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the elimination of library privileges as outlined in the policy entitled *Patron Conduct*, (Breach of Policy section).

These rules may be supplemented, altered, added to or changed by the LaSalle Public Library Board of Trustees at its discretion.