

Hotspot Borrowing Policy

A hotspot is a portable Wi-Fi device that enables you to connect mobile-enabled devices such as laptops, smartphones, or tablets to the internet. These hotspots operate through service provided by T-Mobile. The Kewanee Public Library District offers these devices to fulfill the information needs of both the library and the local community.

The following rules and regulations apply:

1. **Eligibility:** Hotspot devices, including a charging cable and carrying case, are available for borrowing to KPLD cardholders who are 18 years of age or older and have library cards in good standing (i.e., not blocked due to fines or lost materials).
2. **Availability:** Hotspots are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be checked out at the Circulation Desk.
3. **Hold Requests:** KPLD cardholders have the option to place hotspots on hold for pickup at the Circulation Desk.
4. **Household Limit:** Each household may borrow one hotspot at a time. After returning a hotspot, there is a 48-hour waiting period before another can be checked out for that household.
5. **Loan Duration:** The loan period for hotspots is two weeks, and renewals are not permitted.
6. **Storage:** Follow the manufacturer's guidelines and avoid leaving devices in vehicles or other extreme temperature conditions.
7. **Return Location:** Hotspots must be returned inside the library at the Circulation Desk, not in the book drop. Patrons will be held responsible for any damage if the device is returned in the book drop.
8. **Fines:** Overdue hotspots incur a fine of \$5 per day, accumulating up to the maximum replacement cost. If a hotspot is three days overdue, service will be cut off.
9. **Damage Charges:** Borrowers are responsible for the cost of repair or full replacement in the event of loss, theft, or damage to the hotspot. Library staff will assess the damage and charge the borrower accordingly. Missing parts will result in the following charges:
 - o Hotspot and/or charging cable: \$160.00
 - o Carrying case: \$15.99
10. **Liability:** The library assumes no responsibility for liability, damages, or expenses resulting from the use or misuse of the device, connection to other electronic devices, or data loss.
11. **Privacy and Security:** The library is not responsible for information accessed using the device or for personal information shared over the internet. Hotspot users are encouraged to practice safe internet usage. Parents or guardians of minors in the household assume responsibility for their child's use of the device.
12. **Suspension and Legal Actions:** The following behaviors may result in the suspension of hotspot privileges and/or criminal prosecution:
 - o Viewing, displaying, or disseminating materials considered obscene under current legal definitions.
 - o Using the internet in a manner that violates federal, state, or municipal laws.
 - o Failing to return devices promptly.
13. **Policy Modifications:** The Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify, amend, or supplement this policy as deemed necessary and appropriate.