

Pottsville Free Public Library Mobile Hotspot Borrowing Policy

The Pottsville Free Public Library has hotspots available for borrowing. The hotspots are available for two-week check out or four week check out, and can be checked out at the Circulation Desk during regular library hours. The rental fee for borrowing a hotspot is \$20 for a two-week loan period; \$40 for a four-week loan period. Hotspots must be returned to the Circulation Desk staff before closing time on the due date. Any hotspots placed in the outdoor book-drop will incur a fine of \$25 and additional charges for any damages.

Patrons age 18 years and older may borrow the hotspots.

Patrons must have a valid Pottsville Free Public Library card, be in good standing (under the \$5 maximum fine threshold), and have a photo ID with a date of birth. Library card and photo ID must be presented each time a hotspot is checked out.

Patrons must sign the Hotspot Borrower's Agreement form each time a hotspot is checked out. Patrons must read and agree to the acceptable use policy which prohibits pirating, illegal downloads, viewing child pornography, etc.

Hotspots are loaned on a first-come, first-serve basis; no holds will be accepted.

One hotspot per household.

The patron should inspect the hotspot and peripherals before leaving the library. Any damage should be immediately reported to the library staff or the patron will be held responsible for it.

Hotspots must be returned to the Circulation Desk and handed to a library staff member; do not leave the hotspot on the counter. Library staff will verify all components have been returned and are in good condition before the hotspot is checked in.

Hotspots will have its service suspended the day after it is due back to the library.

When checking out a hotspot, the patron will receive and be responsible for the following items:

- T-Mobile hotspot (\$265)
- SIM Card (\$10)
- hotspot case (\$15)
- charging cord and power adapter (\$10)

Patrons must be careful and vigilant when using the hotspot to prevent theft or damages, and must not leave the hotspot unattended when using it outside the house. The patron is solely responsible for the hotspot while it is checked out and responsible for late fees and replacement costs for any damages, loss or theft. Patrons may not attempt to tamper with the hotspot.

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Fines for late return of the hotspot accrue at a rate of \$5 per day starting the first day it is overdue, up to \$25. If the hotspot is not returned by 15 days past the due date, the patron will be charged the full replacement cost of \$300 plus the full overdue fee of \$25.

The patron is responsible for any violation of the Hotspot Borrower's Agreement, Computer User Agreement, and all other applicable library policies.

The Pottsville Free Public Library disclaims all liability for loss of confidential information or damages resulting from that loss and accepts no responsibility for breach of privacy.

The Pottsville Free Public Library reserves the right to modify the Hotspot Borrowing Policy and the Hotspot Borrower's Agreement at any time. By checking out a hotspot, the patron agrees they will not engage in illegal activities and they are solely responsible for the hotspot.

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