

## **THE NICHOLAS P. SIMS LIBRARY WIRELESS NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

The Nicholas P. Sims Library is pleased to offer access to the Internet for its patrons with wireless enabled devices via the Library's Wireless Network. Sims Library has tried to make the Wireless Network access as available as possible, however there may be areas within the library where wireless reception is limited. If you encounter such an area please move to a different location within the library.

Wireless Network users are expected to read the Sims Library Wireless Network Acceptable Use Policy Application. Patrons under eighteen (18) years of age must have a parent/legal guardian read the Policy application also, agreeing that he/she is assuming responsibility for the minor's use of the Internet on the Wireless Network.

The Wireless Network is only available to adults within the Buckner Room (Children's/Teen's Library) who are accompanying minors. Otherwise access is available in the Main area and the Reference Department.

Please see the Sims Library Computer Policies for further details of acceptable computer use, available at either the Children's or Reference desks or on the Sims Library website:  
[www.simslibrary.org](http://www.simslibrary.org)

### **Users must agree to the following guidelines before accessing the Internet via the Wireless Network at the Nicholas P. Sims Library:**

- Do not send, receive, or display text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as offensive.
- Refrain from using sounds that might be disruptive to others.
- Do not attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others, seek unauthorized access to any computer system, or damage or alter software components of any network or database.
- It is unacceptable to use the library resources for any purposes which violate applicable U.S. or State laws or are inappropriate or unethical in accordance with acceptable community standards.
- Internet resources are to be used for educational, informational and constructive recreational purposes only, not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Make only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Sims Library will not administer or support the use of electronic mail systems or discussion groups.

### **Users who wish to access the Wireless Network will need:**

- A laptop/notebook computer (or other wireless-enabled device).
- A wireless network interface card compatible with the Wi-Fi standard (as known as IEEE 802.11 b or IEEE 802.11 g).
- To configure the laptop/notebook (or other wireless-enabled device) to access the Wireless Network.
- A charged battery (electrical outlets are available in some areas of Sims Library, but not all).
- Compatible headphones if planning to use audio files.

### **Limitations and Disclaimers**

- Sims Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be provided that you will be able to make a wireless connection.
- Sims Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent to or from your laptop/notebook/wireless device can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software, within three hundred feet.
- Sims Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop/notebook/wireless device configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's Wireless Network.
- Printers are not part of the Library's Wireless Network.
- Sims Library does not supply any hardware or software to access the Wireless Network.

The Nicholas P. Sims Library reserves the right to prohibit an individual from accessing the Library's Wireless Network if that individual is violating any of the policies or guidelines of the library. A warning will be issued if such a violation occurs. If after a warning, an individual is again found to be violating Sims Library's policies or guidelines, the individual will be banned from accessing the Library's Wireless Network and/or library computers.

### **Access by Minors**

Parents or legal guardians of children under age eighteen (18) must assume responsibility for deciding which library resources are appropriate for their own children. Parents or legal guardians should guide their children in use of the Internet and inform them about materials they should not use. While Sims Library affirms and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians to monitor and determine their children's access to library materials and resources, including those available through the Internet, the library is ultimately not responsible for any information obtained from the Internet. However, Sims Library has taken certain measures designed to assist in the safe and effective use of these resources by all minors.

1. To address the issue of access by minors to inappropriate material on the Internet, including material that is harmful to minors, Sims Library:
  - a. Maintains content filtering software on Internet accessible workstations in Buckner Room (Children's/Teen's Library). Internet content is not being filtered on the Library's Wireless Network at the present time; and
  - b. Prohibits the use of chat rooms or instant messaging.
2. To address the issue of unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities, minors and all other Library users are hereby advised that use of the Library's computers or Wireless Network for hacking or any other unlawful activity is strictly prohibited.

**NOTICE: The Nicholas P. Sims Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its accuracy and/or content, which may be offensive. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.**

**Sims Library reserves the right to terminate network connections for users who violate these guidelines and to prohibit violators from future access to or use of the library's computer services, and to revoke all privileges.**

**The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the Nicholas P. Sims Library's Computer Usage policy. Sims Library assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the user's data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of privacy in the user's computer accounts, programs, or files.**

**I acknowledge and agree to follow all Sims Library Computer and Internet policies.**