**HOTSPOT USE POLICY**

In an effort to increase digital access to all residents, mobile hotspots are available to borrow from the Nevada Public Library.

Patrons wishing to check out a mobile hotspot must have a valid Nevada Public Library account in good standing. Patrons must be at least 18 years old and a resident of Nevada or rural Story County. Mobile hotspots check out for 7 days at a time with no renewals. Only one hotspot per library card is allowed. The first time a hotspot is checked out and every 6 months thereafter, the borrowing patron must sign the library’s Hotspot Borrowing Agreement. Upon checkout, library staff will confirm, in the presence of the borrowing patron, that all items are present in the hotspot kit.

Fines will accrue at the rate of $5.00 per day with a maximum fine of $25.00 in fines per mobile hotspot. The replacement cost for a lost or damaged hotspot is subject to provider’s replacement cost ($100-$200). There may also be a separate charge for lost or damaged hotspot accessories (protective case and/or charging cord, subject to replacement costs each).

Service to mobile hotspots will automatically be turned off by the library once the item is one day overdue. Patron accounts are subject to suspension of borrowing privileges as outlined in the library’s Circulation Policy.

Mobile hotspot service is provided by Verizon. Internet service relies on cell tower technology and coverage. User experience can vary based on location. The library is not responsible for personal information shared over the internet or for information or websites accessed. The library is not responsible for any liability, damages, or expense resulting from the use of the hotspot.

Library hotspots are not filtered. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children’s internet sessions when borrowing library hotspots.

By borrowing and initiating use of the library’s hotspot, the user agrees to abide by the library’s policies and rules, and agrees to hold the library and its agents harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations, or liabilities, directly or indirectly, relating to the use of the library’s hotspot and internet access provided by the library. Deliberate altering of any files or modifying the configuration of library-owned equipment is strictly prohibited.

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