

Thomaston Public Library

Hotspot Lending Policy

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Purpose

The Thomaston Public Library makes hotspots available to adult Connecticut library card holders to assist in research and recreational use. Hotspots are provided according to availability. The Thomaston Public Library is not responsible for damages resulting from patron use of the hotspot, including, but not limited to: damage to a computer or other device which a patron may use the hotspot to access the internet, data loss, computer viruses, identity theft, invasion of privacy, or any other damages which may result from access to and use of the internet. Devices shall not be used to transmit or receive any illegal, defamatory, or obscene materials.

Use

The following rules and regulations apply:

1. Hotspots may be borrowed by library card holders ages 18 and up in good standing. Borrowers must show a photo ID (driver's license or state ID).
2. A cash deposit of \$25 is required to check out a hotspot.
3. The loan period is seven days. If returned late, the service will be disconnected.
4. Hotspots may only be renewed in person at the Library's Check Out Desk once. After returning a hotspot, a patron may not take out a hotspot again for 2 weeks.
5. Hotspots must be returned in person. Borrowers are advised to wait until the hotspot is checked in by a staff member on duty at the Check Out Desk and to receive their deposit back.
6. Fines for unreturned hotspots are \$15.00 per day, not counting days the library is closed. An "on-time" return is defined as a hotspot that is returned prior to the library's closing on the seventh day of check out. Users who have on three separate occasions returned the hotspots late will lose hotspot borrowing privileges for a period of six months.
7. The user assumes full responsibility for the cost of repair or replacement in the event that the hotspot or its kit is lost, stolen, or damaged. The cost to replace the hotspot is \$200.00; there are also fees for missing charging cord or case. The Library's staff will assess technological issues and charge the user accordingly.

Thomaston Public Library Hotspot Lending Agreement

I have read and understand the Thomaston Public Library Hotspot Lending Policy and agree to adhere to the terms and conditions contained therein.

Print Name (First & Last)

Date

Telephone

E-mail Address

User Signature

Library Card #

Deposit Received by _____ Date _____

Deposit Returned by _____ Date _____