

## **701 - Wireless Access Policy**

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### **Wireless Access**

By providing wireless network access to the Internet, the DeSoto Parish Library expands its ability to provide information resources to the public. Wireless access is provided for use by the Library's computers configured for wireless access as well as for use by a library patron's personal computing equipment subject to the conditions outlined in this policy.

Wireless access to the Internet in libraries is to conform to the general provisions outlined in this policy and use by library patrons is subject to the Library Rules of Conduct. Failure to comply with these policies or guidelines may result in wireless network access privileges being suspended and the patron may be asked to leave library premises. Use which creates a disturbance or interferes with the ability of other patrons to use the library will not be tolerated.

### **Use of Personal Equipment**

The DeSoto Parish Library provides configuration specifications about its wireless network for patron access in designated community libraries but does not provide technical support for individuals wishing to use their equipment in community libraries. Library staff are not allowed to configure, diagnose or modify a library patron's equipment to enable access to the library's wireless network.

The library is not responsible for any damage to personal equipment or software that may occur as a result of using the library's wireless network. In light of security issues and the variety of equipment that can be used to access wireless networks, the library urges patrons to incorporate appropriate protection systems such as anti-virus, firewall software and updated patches when accessing the library's wireless network. The library does not provide encryption services and does not guarantee privacy of data transmitted across its network.