

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY

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Policy Book

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

APPROVE THE MARIPOSA COUNTY PUBLIC WIRELESS NETWORK ACCESS (WiFi) POLICY

The County Librarian is requesting that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Wireless Network Access Policy (WiFi Access Policy.) Public wireless network access (WiFi) will be available in the early part of 2007 at all Mariposa County Library locations. WiFi (short for wireless fidelity) uses high frequency radio signals to transmit and receive data over limited distances. With this service, patrons may use their own laptop computers to gain access to the World Wide Web on the Internet while visiting a library location. The purpose of this policy at branch libraries in Mariposa County is to provide convenient WiFi service for library patrons, students, tourists, business travelers, and others who wish to work on their own laptops or similar devices and have access to the Internet. To use the wireless service a user must authenticate with a valid library card. Visitors and tourists will be issued a temporary "Tourist Library Card" to be valid for one day. WiFi provided by Mariposa County Library is not intended as free public Internet access for users beyond the physical library space.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has approved other library policies.
RES. No: 05-548

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The library will not be able to offer wireless access to library patrons, students, tourists, business travelers, and others who wish to work on their own laptops or similar devices and have access to the Internet.

Financial Impact? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		WiFi Policy - Pages Circled 1 & 2
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 0731 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved _____
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 _____ No Opinion
 Comments: _____

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
 Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: *[Signature]*

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WIRELESS FIDELITY (WiFi) POLICY

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Mariposa County Library, is providing wireless access as a public service free of charge, on an "as is" basis with no guarantee and no warranty, subject to the terms and conditions of use as follows.

- The **Internet Use Policy** of the Mariposa County Library applies to any use of the wireless access service. Wireless users will be subject to the same level of Internet filtering applied to public access computing at the library.
- To use the wireless service a user must authenticate with a valid library card.
- Information passing through the Library's wireless access is not secured and could be monitored, captured, or altered by others.
- It is the patron's sole responsibility to protect his/her information from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of the patron's use of the Library wireless access.
- Library staff will provide basic general information on the settings necessary to access the Internet via WiFi connections, but are not responsible for any changes users make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection. If a user has problems accessing the Internet

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over these connections, staff cannot assist in making changes to the user's network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user's own computer. Users should refer to their owner's manuals or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.

- The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment; users must keep their equipment with them at all times and may only use electrical outlets at public tables.
- In using this free Internet access, the customer agrees and hereby releases, indemnifies, and holds harmless, Mariposa County Library and its employees from any damage that may result in the patron's use of this wireless access.
- While using this wireless access, the customer acknowledges that he/she is subject to, and agrees to abide by all laws, and all rules and regulations of Mariposa County, the State of California, and the federal government that is applicable to Internet use.
- Printing access is available via the wireless connection at this time.

When a patron or user select Login, they are agreeing to the terms and policies. The user must select Login to access the Internet by using a valid Mariposa County library card.