



HOTSPOT LENDING PROGRAM

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated the digital divide in Montana, which is why the Montana State Library has invested in a hotspot lending program. In partnership with T-Mobile and Verizon, the Montana State Library has provided hotspots to Lincoln County Library. This is a one-year pilot program. Continuation will be assessed by the Lincoln County Library Board of Trustees at the end of the one-year contract.

BORROWING GUIDELINES

- Checkout period: 14 days
- Adult (18+) cardholders may checkout
- 1 hotspot per cardholder/household at a time
- A cardholder/household must wait 7 days upon returning a hotspot unit before checking one out again
- No renewals
- Borrower Agreement must be signed before hotspot is issued to a patron

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Coverage depends on the Verizon network so the location of the hotspot and congestion of the network may affect user experience.
- All components of the hotspot units must be returned together at the Circulation Desk. They may not be returned in any outside returns.
- Hotspots are deactivated if overdue or if excessive data is used
- Use of the hotspot is subject to the terms of the Library Internet Use Policy
- Hotspots are not filtered, and it is the user's responsibility to use the device in a responsible manner and not for any unauthorized, unethical, or illegal purposes
- Parents/guardians are responsible for the use of the hotspot by minors
- Any attempt to alter data or the configuration of the hotspot is strictly prohibited, and may be considered an act of vandalism and subject to full replacement cost value
- The library reserves the right to revoke checkout privileges if these guidelines are not met

DISCLAIMER

Lincoln County Library is not responsible for personal information shared over the internet or for information and websites accessed using this device, or any misuse, harm or any other result due to the use of the hotspot

FEES

Hotspots are free to borrow. Replacement charges will be incurred if the hotspot is lost, stolen or damaged: Hotspot \$100, Case \$15, Adapter \$5, USB cord \$5, or Entire kit: \$200 (kit + 1-month service)