Mobile wireless hotspot and laptop lending at SFPL

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Bridging the Digital Divide
What’s in the Bag?

In this bundle, you should find:

- Laptop
- Mifi

Use Agreement

Eligibility

Laptop & Mifi bundles to borrow will be made available to the following patrons:

- Patrons who have an SFPL library card (excluding welcome or visitor cards) with outstanding fines of less than $10.00.
- Patrons who have read, understood and signed this Laptop & Mifi Use Agreement.
- Patrons ages younger than 13 must have this Laptop & Mifi Use Agreement signed by the parent/guardian as listed on the “Type of Library Cards and Requirements” web page in the “Get a Library Card” page.
- This Laptop Use Agreement must be signed in the presence of a library staff member at the Service Desk and valid ID must be shown as prescribed in the “Get a Library Card” guidelines on the Library Application.

Patron Responsibility

Laptop & Mifi bundles must be checked out at the Service Desk and must show the current library card at the desk (or a valid California Driver’s license showing residential address or valid California State Identification Card showing residential address).

Laptop users agree to assume responsibility for proper use and care of library equipment and for returning laptops and mifi devices in the same condition as when checked out. Any malfunctions should be reported to library staff immediately. When the three-week laptop & mifi bundle checkout period is over, the borrower is responsible for returning the equipment to the Service Desk at the original checkout library. Users will be required to wait while the laptop and peripherals are inspected to ensure that the equipment is in the same condition as when it was checked out and that all equipment is intact and present.

Failure to return a laptop & mifi bundle on time to the Service Desk will result in suspension of laptop & mifi borrowing privileges. Data access to overdue bundles will be disabled by library staff.

Vandalizing, destroying or stealing Library materials or equipment is prohibited under the Library’s “Guidelines for Use” and will result in suspension of library privileges. In addition, patrons who steal, vandalize or abuse a laptop or mifi device may be reported to law enforcement authorities and be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties.

Laptops & Mifi Devices Should Not Be Lened to Another Person.

Loan Periods

- Laptop & mifi bundle loan period is three weeks.
- Laptop & mifi bundles should be returned to the Check Out desk at the same library from which they were borrowed.
- Laptop & mifi bundles cannot be dropped in the library book return drop; they must be returned to a library staff person at a service desk during library open hours.

User Files

Patrons should save their documents to an external storage device. All files and downloads will be deleted when the laptop is turned off so please remember to save your work.

I have read and agree to abide by this Laptop & Mifi Bundle Use Agreement.

Name (Print)

Name (Signature)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Signature)

Date:

Library Card Number:

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City Librarian
“More and more people have their own personal electronic devices. What they lack is the ability to pay monthly for the data that makes those things especially useful in their lives… We thought we could try a pilot program to bridge that gap. “It’s our way of trying to reach out to areas in the city where that coverage hasn’t saturated yet.” — Me, San Francisco Chronicle, June 6, 2017

“Tech’d Out, a sleekly marketed program beginning in late June, is a $120,000 project modeled after programs at the New York, San Mateo County and Chicago public libraries.” —San Francisco Chronicle

Chaz Bell, 17, Mix patron and Wifi enthusiast
What's Next?
Thank You!

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