



Piedmont Regional Library System Technology Lending Policy

Approved by Piedmont Regional Library System Board of Trustees, April 2023

Please read and sign. Staff will provide you with a copy.

The Piedmont Regional Library System has established a Technology Lending Program to provide patrons in our community with the technology they need to be successful in today's high-tech society. Examples of devices include mobile hotspots, laptops, and Chromebooks (list is not inclusive.)

Examples of benefits of borrowing technology on a short-term basis include:

- Trying out a device that you are considering purchasing
- Needing short-term Internet access during a move
- Practicing with various technology in preparation of a job interview
- Use while waiting for repair or replacement of your usual device
- Use while traveling

Rules of Conduct

Severe infractions as determined by library staff may result in the loss of library privileges and/or possible prosecution.

- Devices should be kept in a temperature-controlled environment; do not leave them in a car.
- Number of checkouts per household may be restricted by library staff.
- Patron must be 18 years of age or older and must read and sign this agreement in the presence of a library staff member each time a device is checked out.
- A valid Piedmont Regional Library System-issued library card must be presented at the time of checkout.
- Patron must be in good standing with the library, with a current address on file and no fines.
- Devices must be returned to a library staff member during open hours to the library where they were checked out.
- Overdue devices may be deactivated.
- After two instances of overdue devices, there will be a six-month suspension from checking out any technology
- **After any lending abuse as determined by library staff, patrons may be suspended from checking out any technology for a minimum of six months.**

NOTE TO PARENT/GUARDIANS: Internet content filtering is NOT provided through the Mobile Hotspot. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring what their children access via the Wireless Hotspot.

Fines and Liability

- The overdue fine for devices is \$5.00 per day.
- Patron will be charged \$10 for a device returned to a book drop or to another library.
- The patron is responsible for costs associated with loss, damage or reactivation for devices and/or peripherals.

Device replacement costs vary and start at \$100 minimum. Exact costs are listed in the PINES computer system. In addition, peripheral replacement costs are:

- Power Adapter: \$10
- Power Cord: \$10

I agree to:

- Abide by the Piedmont Regional Library System Technology Lending Policy.
- Pay an overdue fine if returned late.
- Pay full replacement costs should any device or any peripheral be stolen, lost, or damaged.
- Use reasonable care to prevent damage to the borrowed device and assume full financial and personal responsibility for any risks of loss or damage that may be sustained as a result of any act of negligence by me.

Library staff have informed me of the loan requirements and I have agreed to them.

Device is: Take home In-library use only

Type of device: _____ Barcode: _____

Due date: _____ Late fee/day: _____

I hereby release, waive, discharge, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, Piedmont Regional Library System, its elected officials, officers, directors, agents, trustees and employees from any and all damages, losses, liabilities, claims, bodily injury or personal injury, including death or identity fraud, that may be sustained during my use of the borrowed device.

I have read this entire document, and my signature below indicates my agreement with the above statements.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Library Card Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I understand that the Mobile Hotspot does not provide content filtering.

_____ Patron Initials

I agree that the device is in working condition upon checkout.

_____ Patron Initials

_____ Staff Initials

_____ Date _____ Time

For Staff Use Upon Return:

Return Date/Time: _____

All components returned?

YES NO

All components operational?

YES NO

(Inform regional office IT if there are issues)

Fees

charged? _____

Staff name: _____