

Westfield Athenaeum Wireless Internet Access Point Policy

The Westfield Athenaeum will provide an Internet access point (“hot spot”) for users with portable wireless devices such as laptops and handheld PDAs. The access point will allow users access to the Internet from their portable wireless devices while located within range of the access point. There are currently three (3) public access points in the building, in the following locations:

- Main lobby area, including the Rand Art Museum, and the Elizabeth Stewart Reed Room
- Reference area, including the mezzanine
- Boys & Girls Library

Reception and connection speed in each of these areas is strong, but may vary according to the number of wireless devices in use at any one time.

Library staff will provide general information on the settings necessary to access the Internet via our wireless connection. If a user has problems accessing the internet over this connection, staff will only verify that the library’s connection is operating normally. Staff will not perform troubleshooting on the patron’s own wireless device.

The library cannot guarantee a secure connection to the Internet in a wireless environment, and patrons are advised to use the latest anti-virus protection, spyware and other standard protection software to prevent unauthorized access to their own wireless devices while they are in use. Wireless users are also advised not to transmit their credit card information, passwords and any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless "hot spot" in the library. Printing access will not be available via the wireless connection. Users may save their data on a floppy disk and then take it to one of the library's computer workstations to print out information.

The Athenaeum’s Internet Use Policy governs the use of the Internet over our wireless access points in all areas within range of the connection, both inside and outside the building, on the Athenaeum’s premises.

*Approved by the Westfield Athenaeum Board of Trustees
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