

WiFi at your Library

QUICK GUIDE

- You will need your own equipment. The library does not have laptops or wireless networking equipment for loan at this time.
- Turn off the sound on the laptop or bring a set of headphones to use.
- **FREE** access is available 24/7... but by using our connection, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of use outlined in this brochure.
- There are some power outlets available, but we suggest you have a fully charged battery.

If you must plug in your laptop, please do not run power cables along the floor where they may be tripped over causing injury to other patrons or damage to your computer.

Settings for the wireless network:

1. Have a 802.11 b/g wireless network card
2. Use DHCP or "obtain IP address automatically"
3. Use Infrastructure or Access Point Mode
4. The SSID or Network Name is library wireless
There are 3 available connections, connect to the strongest signal available for the best results
5. Set WEP or Encryption to none or disabled
6. If needed, set channel to auto

The Southeast Steuben County Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of your equipment, laptop configurations, security, or files resulting from use of the library's wireless network. 😊 Enjoy — use at your own risk 😊

Please read the rest of this brochure before using "WiFi at your Library".

What is wireless?

- Wireless Internet access (commonly known as WiFi) uses radio frequency signals to exchange information between your computer and the Internet. No cables are required.
- WiFi allows library users to bring their own laptop computers to the library and get Internet access.
- Library users can use their wireless capable laptop computers to get Internet access at tables or chairs in the library and are not limited to the normal computer areas of the library.

Is there a fee?

- No. Thanks to a wonderful grant, the wireless connection at the library is provided for FREE.
- Patrons do need their own equipment, wireless network card and software to use our wireless connection.

What about printing?

- You cannot print from your laptop computer to the library printers. The wireless service allows for connection to the internet only and is separate from the library's wired network.

Is the wireless network filtered?

- No, but that does not mean that users are allowed to view pornography, hack into wired / wireless networks or engage in any other types of malicious or unruly activities. All users of the library's internet connection are subject to our Computer & Internet Usage Policy.

What do I need to know in order to use the wireless network?

- The wireless connection can be accessed from anywhere within the library as well as several yards outside of the building and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- You will need your own equipment. The library does not have laptops or wireless networking equipment available for loan at this time.

Please remember, we still have numerous wired computers with free internet access in the library!

- Your laptop computer will need to have a wireless network card having 802.11b or 802.11g standards.

Most WiFi equipment will be compatible. However, the library can make no guarantees as to the compatibility of your equipment with the library's wireless network.

- Read & understand the library's Computer & Internet Usage Policy viewable at the Reference Desk or online: www.stls.org/corning

Regardless of whether the equipment is library-owned or user-owned, all patrons are bound by the terms of this policy while using the library's Internet connection. Any violation of the policy can result in a suspension of privileges.

- Turn off the sound or use headphones. We cannot loan headphones for laptop users as we have few available.
- There are some power outlets available, but we suggest you have a fully charged battery.

If you must plug in your laptop, please do not run power cables along the floor where they may be tripped over by other patrons causing injury or damage to your computer.

Can the library help me configure my computer?

- No. Every computer is different and you are responsible for knowing how to configure your own equipment.
- Some helpful tips are included in this brochure.
- The Southeast Steuben County Library cannot be held responsible for any changes you make to your settings.
- Library staff cannot support or provide assistance for patron equipment or software. Checking the wireless network for connectivity is possible, but staff will not have any information beyond what is found in this brochure.
- You may need to consult the documentation that accompanied your equipment or contact the manufacturer if you are in need of additional assistance.
- When in doubt, REBOOT!

Can I download large files?

- We ask that those using the wireless connection be considerate of other users' network needs and refrain from downloading excessively large files (i.e. music files, movies, video games, etc.). All users in the library (staff included) are sharing bandwidth, therefore excessive downloading is not permitted - the wireless connection may be discontinued if our wired network suffers from abuse by wireless users.

Is using the wireless network secure and private?

- The library's wireless network is an open public access network. To make life simpler for everyone, the library has chosen not to encrypt the wireless network; therefore, users should be aware that information sent wirelessly could be purposely intercepted and seen by someone else. Protect your personal data when using any public wireless network - avoid transmitting credit card numbers and other sensitive information.