

Wireless Access at the Somerville Public Library East and West Branches

The Somerville Central Public Library is pleased to offer the public free wireless Internet access at both Branch locations. To access the wireless connection, your equipment must have a wireless network card (WiFi card). This service is available any time the East and West Branches are open. Cell phone/web-enabled cell phones may not be used in any part of the library. You may use audio equipment/headphones with your laptop as long as the sound does not disturb other patrons.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: *What does my laptop/PDA require in order to use this connection?*

A: You must have a wireless network card. Your laptop/PDA must **not** have a static proxy server or static DNS server specified. The DNS setting should be set up to Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically.

Q: *How do I connect?*

A: If you can connect your computer to the Internet from any Internet café shop, then it will probably work in the Library. However, if you should need to enter a network name, the West Branch Library's wireless network name is "**linksys**"; the East Branch Library's wireless network name is "**cos-elib**". There is no password needed.

Q: *Where should I place my computer in order to use this wireless connection?*

A: You should be able to use our wireless connection throughout the entire East Branch and on the Main and Second Floor of the West Branch.

Q: *Can a librarian help me if I have a problem connecting?*

A: We regret that we cannot provide the wireless card, configure your equipment for you, nor help you with troubleshooting.

Q: *Can I print from my laptop/PDA?*

A: We do not provide printing with wireless Internet access.

Note: The Somerville Public Library takes no responsibility for any damage caused to any device from configuration changes or software downloaded while accessing our wireless Internet. The wireless signal and the bandwidth are not within our control; the Library is not responsible if you cannot get onto the Internet at any time. Wireless users accessing the Library's connection must agree to the Somerville Public Library Internet policy.

Thanks to Comcast for continuing support of our wireless connection to the Internet!
