



Public Wireless Network FAQ

What is the public wireless network?

The public wireless network is an unsecured Internet connection available to users with a wireless laptop computer or other wireless devices.

What are the advantages of using the Library's public wireless network?

- No waiting for a computer during peak hours
- Save files to your own device
- Quick access

What do I need to use the public wireless network?

- Laptop computer or other wireless device with battery power
- wireless network interface card supporting IEEE 802.11a, b, or g
- headphones, if accessing sound files

I've heard that there are health issues associated with wireless networks. Is this true?

For information about potential risks of and issues surrounding the use of public wireless networks please visit the following websites:

[Wireless Libraries: Health Issues](http://wirelesslibraries.blogspot.com/search/label/Health%20Issues?max-results=100)

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[Is Wi-Fi Bad For Humans?](http://www.wi-fiplanet.com/news/article.php/3653711)

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How do I login to the public wireless network at the Oxford County Library?

Follow these steps to access the Oxford County Library's public wireless network:

- Ask for the login and password at the circulation desk.
- Launch a web browser on your computer.
- A login page will appear the first time a website is accessed. Warnings about unsigned certificates should be ignored.
- Read the *Computer Use and Internet Access Policy*.
- Enter the login and password received from library staff at the circulation desk.
- You will then be connected.

Can I print from my laptop to the Library's printers?

The Library does not provide printing capability from devices connected to the public wireless network.

Can I plug my laptop into a power source at the Library?

The Library encourages clients to run their computers and Internet access devices from their battery. Not all locations within the Oxford County Library have available power outlets. Clients are prohibited from unplugging any cables or cords on the Library's machines.

What are the risks of using the public wireless network?

The Library's public wireless network is an unsecured connection to the Internet. Information transmitted by users of this network may be intercepted by hackers. Exercise caution when transmitting credit card information, PINs, or other sensitive personal information over the public wireless network. Users are encouraged to have up-to-date antivirus and firewall software installed on their wireless devices.