

Wireless Internet Access in the City Branches

The Onondaga County Public Library offers free wireless Internet access for library patrons to use with their own personal notebooks, laptops and other mobile devices. Wireless users agree to abide by the library's Internet Use Policy.

Requirements:

- Windows or Mac laptop/notebook computer or personal digital assistant (PDA) with an 802.11b or 802.11g wireless Ethernet adapter and Internet browsing software.

Limitations and Disclaimers:

- The library assumes no responsibility for the safety of your equipment or data while using the library's network.
- Although the library's wireless network is now secured with a password, information sent to and from your laptop might still be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software. We recommend that you do not use this network to transmit sensitive information.
- Library staff can provide a general information handout for connecting your device to the wireless network but cannot troubleshoot problems relating to your wireless device, or assist in making changes to your network settings or hardware configuration.
- We recommend that you have up-to-date anti-virus software installed on your wireless device.
- Printers are not available to wireless users. If you would like to print, save your work to a disk or a USB flash drive, or e-mail it to yourself and sign up for one of the library's public access computers.
- Do not block or cross aisles or floors with extension or power cords. Your power cord cannot constitute a trip hazard or otherwise block access for Library patrons or staff. Please do not move chairs or tables to electrical outlets.

Filters:

- To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act and restrict access to online content that may be considered harmful to minors the Onondaga County Public Library's Central and Branch libraries have installed technology protection measures (filters) on all computers with Internet access, including laptops. As a wireless user, you will be subject to the same filters as used on all public access computers.
- Public access computers in adult areas of the library offer library users age 17 and older the option to unblock many sites.

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FAQ:

How can I connect to OCPL's wireless?

- First, check to make sure your wireless software and hardware are properly installed, and then turn on your computer.
- If your laptop has the wi-fi adapter built in, it should find our network automatically. If not, set your SSID to "OCPL". You will be asked for a password, which is *ocplwireless* – all one word, no capital letters.
- Finally, open your browser software and surf the 'net.

Can I search the library's catalog and databases?

- You can search our catalog by pointing your browser to: www.onlib.org and choosing the "catalog" link. Likewise, our databases are available by choosing the "databases" link. You must have an OCPL borrower's card to access some databases from your laptop.

Can I use sound?

- Please either wear headphones when accessing audio files or mute your speaker so as not to disturb others nearby.