

Wireless Internet Access Information

Wireless Internet access uses radio frequency signals to exchange data between your computer and the network without the need of cables.

Lamar County Library System offers free wireless access using the WiFi standard, IEEE 802.11g and IEEE 802.11b at all four of its branches (see back cover).

Wireless allows people to bring their own portable computers to the library and get free Internet access.

The library system can offer Internet service to patrons and visitors at any of our four branches without the expense of installing new wiring.

Users need to bring their own portable computers or devices to the library with either built-in WiFi or an installed adapter card.

Most WiFi or 802.11g compatible units should work at the library.

The Library System's wireless networks are open to all patrons and visitors and do not require any special logins, passwords nor encryption.

Since most of our branches are small, the wireless signal *might* even reach into the parking lot and can be used day or night.

Security Issues:

By the very nature, public WiFi networks are not secure!!!

If security is important to you, then you should consider limiting your wireless network to non-critical e-mail and basic Internet surfing.

Other recommendations: Use firewall and antivirus software, keep your operating system up-to-date, turn file sharing off, and encrypt sensitive files.

Printing:

Printing to the library system's printers from your portable computer is not available.

In order to print, you will need to save your file to a floppy disk or a USB flash drive and take it to circulation desk where staff will print it out at regular print fees or make available for printing at one of the library's computer workstations. You must sign in to be logged onto one of our workstations.