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Wireless Internet Access

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Connecting to Wireless

Most wireless devices have a utility for discovering and connecting to wireless networks - this is the preferred method.

- The name of the network is: COBPUBLIC
- The network does not require a password.
- Upon connecting to the network, open your browser to accept the Terms of Use.
- Some network ports are disabled due to security concerns.

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Yes. The wireless network cannot be used for illegal purposes; for the distribution of materials using peer-to-peer applications; or in any other way that violates the library's Internet Use Policy or other applicable library or city policies. Devices used for such activities may be blocked from the network.

How fast is the library's network?

Speed is dependent on the number of concurrent users.

Can I print from the wireless network?

Printing is not available from the wireless network. Printing is only available from library public computers.

Can I use the wireless network outdoors?

Yes, though coverage is limited.

Are there outlets I can use?

The library has a limited number of electrical outlets. We advise charging your device prior to coming to the library.

Limitations and Disclaimers

- There is no guarantee you will be able to establish a connection.
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