Wireless Network Policy

The accepted current standard for wireless network communications is 802.11N or Wireless N. 802.11G or Wireless G is also acceptable.

Network Services staff will perform the following services as it relates to wireless networks.

1. Installation and configuration of wireless routers and wireless access points (including encryption for secured wireless networks).
2. Installation and configuration of wireless network cards in library equipment.
3. Test the wireless network (either public or private) for successful network communications.
4. Ensure that library wireless equipment connects successfully to the wireless network and transmit data across the network.
5. Connect library owned wireless printers to the secured network.

Networks Services staff will not:

1. Assist library patrons with connecting their devices to the library's public wireless network. This includes laptops, I pads, E-readers of any kind, cell phones/smart phones, gaming devices or any other device owned by the patron that includes wireless functionality.
2. Claim any responsibility for protecting patron information off their own equipment (laptop, etc.) on the library’s public wireless network. Public wireless is just that..public.

Equipment Recommendations

Network Services staff recommend the purchase of Linksys by Cisco wireless products. This includes wireless routers, access points, wireless print servers, wireless ranged extenders and wireless network cards. Network services staff will be happy to assist you in recommending products to purchase.

Network Services staff do not recommend the purchase of wireless USB cards for public access PCs. These small devices have a tendency to “walk off.”