

## Wireless Internet Access Policy

Some El Dorado County Library branches provide free Internet access points or “hot spots” for users with portable computers capable of receiving wireless signals. These access points allow users to access the Internet from their laptop computers when sitting within range of the access points. No passwords are required.

### **Security Limitations and Disclaimers**

The Library’s wireless network is not secure. Information sent from or to your laptop can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software. It is commonly recommended that you have a virus checker and firewall when using Internet via a network. In addition, disabling file & printer sharing will also help reduce your risk.

The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or software, nor for damage or loss of laptop configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library’s network.

By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the El Dorado County Library Internet Use Policy. All users are expected to use the library wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the education and informational purposes for which it is provided. Misuse of library computers will result in the loss of computer privileges, potential loss of library privileges, and possible prosecution. Such misuse includes, but is not limited to:

1. Using the computer system for unlawful activities (in violation of federal, state or local laws). Unlawful activities include, but are not limited to, accessing obscene materials and/or child pornography.
2. Hacking into the library computer system or any other computer system, damaging or attempting to damage equipment or software; interfering with system operations, integrity or security; gaining unauthorized access to another person’s files, sending harassing messages to other computer users; altering or attempting to alter settings of the library’s computers; and/or violating copyright laws and software licensing agreements.
3. Using the connection for time-consuming commercial purposes.

The Library reserves the right to suspend Internet computer use or other library privileges, or to take other action as necessary, for anyone who willfully violates library policies or procedures.

## **Configuring Your Computer**

### **Wireless Connections**

#### **For Placerville/Main Library**

1. In your wireless NIC's configuration program set the SSID to PVLIB\_PUBLIC, disable encryption, and select "infrastructure" or "access point" as the network type.

#### **For El Dorado Hills Branch**

1. In your wireless NIC's configuration program set the SSID to EDC\_LIBRARY, disable encryption, and select "infrastructure" or "access point" as the network type.

### **Reconfigure your network settings:**

#### **Windows 2000 & XP**

2. From Control Panel, select "Network and Dial-up Connections" or "Network and Internet connections>Network Connections".
3. Right click on "Wireless Network connection" or "Local Area Connection" and click Properties.
4. Highlight the Internet TCP/IP protocol and click the Properties button. If more than one TCP/IP protocol is listed, choose the one for your NIC.
5. Select "Obtain an IP address automatically" and "Obtain DNS server address automatically".

#### **Macintosh OS 8 & 9**

1. Select: Apple Menu>Control Panel>TCP/IP.
2. Connect via "AirPort" or other wireless (WiFi) Ethernet.
3. Configure "Using DHCP Server".
4. Leave Name Server and Additional Search domains blank.

#### **Macintosh OS X**

1. Select: Apple Menu>System Preferences>Network button.
2. Select TCP/IP tab and Configure "Using DHCP".
3. Above the TCP/IP tab, you may need to Configure via "AirPort" or other wireless (WiFi) Ethernet.
4. Leave Domain Name Servers and Search Domains blank.

### **Protocols Accepted**

802.11 B, G