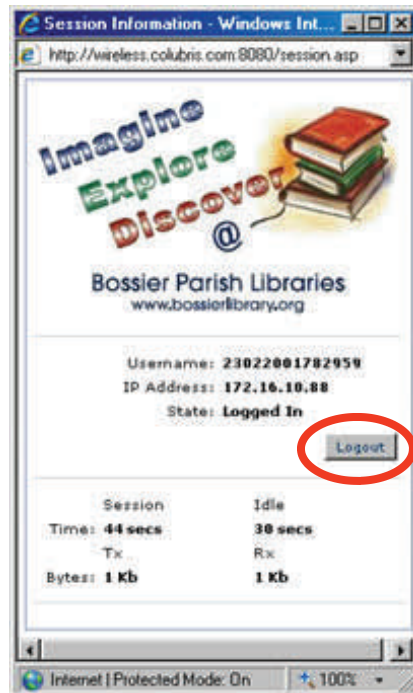


LOGGING ONTO WIRELESS:

1. Stop by the circulation desk at your library branch to obtain your personal wireless user account.
2. Turn on and log into your personal computer.
3. Make sure wireless is turned on.
4. Browse available wireless networks.
5. Connect to **Library_WiFi**.
6. Click *Connect Anyway* to confirm you wish to connect to an unsecured network.
7. If desired, check the *Save this network* box and then click *Public Location*.
8. Click *Close*.
9. Now, open your Internet browser and a BPL login page will appear shortly.
10. Enter your *Username*.
11. Enter your *Password* as it appears on your printed voucher.
12. If correct, you will be redirected to the library's *Wireless Internet Access Policy* welcome page.

Congratulations, you are now free to surf the web!

NOTE: The *Session Information* box (as shown) will appear once you have successfully connected to the Internet. Keep this window open until you are ready to disconnect from the Internet. **To disconnect, click on the *Logout* button** (as shown).



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DISCLAIMER: Due to the variety of portable electronic devices, library staff cannot help patrons or visitors to configure their personal equipment. Please refer to the tips and settings provided in this brochure and/or contact the manufacturer of your hardware/software. In addition, by using this free service, you agree to abide by the library's *Wireless Network Access Policy*. Updated: 4/23/2010

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Bossier Parish Libraries offers free wireless access at all of our library branches except Koran. Our wireless access uses the WiFi standard, IEEE 802.11a, 802.11g, 802.11b and 802.11n.

Wireless Internet Access uses radio frequency signals to exchange data between your computer and the network without the need of cables. This service allows people to bring their own portable computers to the library and get free Internet access (*restrictions apply*).

ACCESSING WIRELESS:

As of late-April 2010, the new BPL wireless system requires all library patrons and visitors to sign up for a user account. Typically, BPL cardholders in good standing should be able to get a five-day pass, while guests/visitors can obtain a minimum of a one-day pass.

To get started, users can bring their own portable computer with either built-in WiFi or an installed wireless adapter card and visit the circulation desk to sign up. Please note that wireless user accounts are for one device at any given time and are assigned to individuals.

Due to accessibility, the wireless signal *might* reach into the parking lot. However, it *might not* reach throughout some areas of a particular branch. Also, please anticipate that there may be limited or no wireless access after library hours.

WIRELESS 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 activity to non-critical e-mail and basic Internet surfing.
- We strongly recommend that your personal devices have firewall and antivirus software, the latest operating system updates, file sharing turned off, and all sensitive files are encrypted.

WIRELESS CARD SETTINGS:

- **Wireless/WiFi Adapter Card*** = ON
- **SSID or Network Name** = Library_WiFi
- **WEP or Encryption** = None
- **Mode or Network Type** = None
- **Authentication**** = Yes
- **TCP/IP Settings** = DHCP
or "Obtain IP Address automatically"
- **DNS Settings** (if applicable) = DHCP
or "Obtain IP Address automatically"

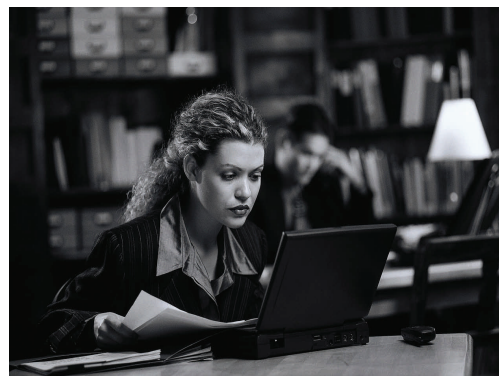
*Many laptops with built-in wireless (and some external cards) have switches, buttons, or software that can be used to turn wireless off to save battery life. **See a library staff member for details.

WIRELESS CONFIGURATION TIPS:

Before troubleshooting or making changing any settings, try browsing for and connected to the library's wireless network.

Need to Make Network Settings Changes?

- **Windows 7:** Start | Control Panel | Network and Internet | Network and Sharing Center | Manage Network Connection | Properties
- **Windows XP:** Start | Control Panel | Network Connections | double-click on Wireless Network Connections | Properties



- **Windows 98/ME:** Control Panel | Network | TCP/IP.
- **Windows 2000:** Control Panel | Network & Dial-Up Connections | Check Local Area Network and TCP/IP properties.