

Guide to Accessing Wireless OKRAnet with your Laptop in the Roberts-LaForge Library

In addition to the computers that are available to students and faculty in public service areas, Roberts-LaForge Library is equipped throughout the building with ports to the campus computer network as well as wireless access. These connections allow patrons to use their own laptops to connect to the network, thereby gaining access to the Library's electronic resources and the Internet. This guide provides instructions on how to connect to the network in the Library using a laptop.

NOTE: Primary wireless connectivity is available on the second floor of Roberts-LaForge Library.

BASIC COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Your laptop computer:

- must have a Windows 2000 or greater operating system installed
- should preferably have a Pentium 4 processor or better

CONNECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

Your laptop must be "Wireless Ready" in order to connect. You can determine the status of your machine by following these steps:

- If your computer has a built-in wireless card, go to the Start/Settings/Control Panel, select 'Network and Internet Connections' then 'Network Connections'. If you see a Wireless Network connection icon, this means you have the appropriate hardware.
- If your Wireless Card is disconnected, you may have a wireless hardware switch on your laptop that is set to the off position.

Contact Systems at 846-4434 if you have questions. The Systems office is located in Room 209 (near the Serials/Interlibrary Loan Desk) on the second floor.

NOTE: If you do not have the appropriate wireless hardware, it can be easily attained from online stores or local retailers.

CONFIGURING YOUR LAPTOP

When you have determined that you have the appropriate wireless card installed in your computer, make sure that you are on the second floor of the Roberts-LaForge Library and follow the Office of Information Technology's instructions for installing Cisco Clean Access. Use the Library's public computers to follow the instructions located at the following URL: <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/3138.asp>. Make sure to use the Windows Login & Installation Instructions if you have a Windows computer and use the Mac-OS Login & Installation Instructions if you have an Apple computer. You will need your 900 number (or employee login) and password. To gain access to the university's wireless network you must have an up-to-date virus scanning program installed on your computer.

PRINTING

Currently, printing is not offered through the wireless connection. If you are a student and you need to print a Word Document, etc., use the computer lab located on the first floor of Roberts-LaForge Library. If you need to print from the web you may use any computer in the library.

The Library Systems department hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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