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Computer users can now “surf the net” at all Dallas libraries

Free wireless access is also available at seven city parks

DALLAS, Sept. 21, 2006 – Wireless internet access has arrived at the Dallas Public Library. Laptop users can now connect for free to the Internet at the Central Library, 1515 Young St., and at any of the city’s 25 branch libraries, according to Director of Libraries Laurie Evans.

In addition to all the library locations, computer users can also connect to the internet via wireless transmitters located at these Dallas parks: Kidd Springs, 711 W. Canty; Exall, 1355 Adair Street; Tietze, 2700 Skillman Ave.; Ridgewood-Belcher, 6818 Fisher Road; Lake Highlands, 9940 White Rock Trail; Campbell-Green, 16600 Parkhill Drive; and Timberglen, 3810 Timberglen Road.

(When scanning for wireless access, look for “Dallas surf” to make the internet connection).

“We’re glad to be able to connect more of our patrons to the internet with this free service,” Evans said. “People can bring in their own computers, plug in, and access the information they need, surf the internet for a new job, or check their e-mail.”

Although library staff members are not able to provide technical assistance and can’t guarantee that patrons will be able to make a wireless connection, instructions on how to connect via laptop are provided at all library locations. Wireless internet uses radio frequency signals to exchange information between a wireless device and the Internet.

And for library patrons who don’t have laptops, traditional desktop PCs are still available for public use as well as free computer training classes. Log on to <http://dallaslibrary.org> for a list of classes.