Bell Library - Media Laptop Center

Media Laptop Center The Mary and Jeff Bell Library maintains a collection of 35 wireless laptops for in-house student use. Laptops are available Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They offer students an alternative to the traditional campus-computing lab, and facilitate both group and individual study at any location within the library. Laptops are equipped with batteries, wireless network cards, and choice of CD, zip, or floppy drive. Each laptop includes standard office software packages and Internet browsers. Additional accessories such as headphones are also available in the Media Laptop Center.

The laptop project, including wireless network access, was made possible by a grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF). Students who wish to borrow laptops must read and sign a laptop user agreement, indicating that they understand their rights and responsibilities. Written surveys are conducted for one week each semester. During the survey period, all laptop borrowers are required to submit a completed survey when returning their laptops.

General Rules and Guidelines for Media Laptop Usage

- No Laptops will be checked out after 5:00 p.m.
- All laptops must be returned to the Laptop Center by 6:00 p.m.
- Laptops may only be borrowed for up to 3 hours and may only be used in the library public areas.
- Laptops that are returned late are subject to a $15.00 per hour fine. All fines may be paid at the Library's main Circulation Desk on the first floor. Students accruing $15.00 or more in library fines are unable to borrow additional materials until fines are paid.
- Laptops are loaned to individual students with their choice of a Zip drive (250), a floppy drive or a CD-ROM. Students may choose one drive only. Headphones are also available for check out with a laptop.
- All laptops are wireless and have the ability to search the Internet and print from anywhere in the library. The laptop printer is located in the Media Laptop Center. All printouts not retrieved are recycled after 4 hours.

We invite questions and/or comments and look forward to hearing from you. Contact Josie Garcia at Josie.Garcia@tamucc.edu.

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