On Wednesday, January 28, 2009, the ALA Council defeated 2008-2009 ALA CD#40, Resolution on High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels.

High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels

Whereas, wireless internet access has become a normal mode of operation for librarians; and

Whereas many conference hotels do not offer wireless access; and

Whereas many conference hotels also charge significant daily costs for the limited wired access to the internet;

Now therefore be it resolved that

1. the American Library Association Council directs the ALA Executive Director to require wireless Internet connection at no additional charge for all hotels in the ALA Conference Hotel Block, and
2. that this be implemented as soon as practicable.

Moved: Ria E. Newhouse, Councilor-at-Large, Sheraton
Seconded: Aaron Dobbs, Councilor-at-Large, Hyatt Regency
ALA RESOLUTION FORM

This Form must be filled out and attached to all resolutions submitted to Council by voting Council members.

1. TITLE OF RESOLUTION
   High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels

2. ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEE CONSULTED (IF ANY):
   None

3. ENDORSEMENTS BY ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEES (IF ANY):

4. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution’s directive(s))
   Will require ALA staff to negotiate with hotels

5. LIST ALL PARTIES TO WHOM RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SENT:
   ALA Conference Services

6. IMPACT ON ALA POLICIES AND POSITIONS
   • If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.
   • If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change
   • If this resolution establishes new policy, describe.
   • If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict.

7. INITIATING COMMITTEE OR UNIT (IF ANY):

8. INCLUDE ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION (e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.):

9. MOVER/SECONDER INFORMATION:
   Mover’s Name and Local Telephone Number: Ria E. Newhouse, Sheraton
   Seconder’s Name and Local Telephone Number: Aaron Dobbs, Hyatt Regency