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Nomadic Computing at the NCSU Libraries

Students and faculty at North Carolina State University now find it easier than ever to use a computer in the library. The main library began supporting "nomadic computing" in fall 2000, allowing individuals to bring their own laptop computers into the library building and gain access to the Internet and campus network.

For those who do not own laptops, the popular Laptop Lending Service offers 100 laptops at the main and branch libraries, configured for Macintosh laptops, Dell machines running the Windows 98 operating system, and Dell machines

offering Windows. When the university announced its open-source strategy, the NCSU Libraries moved quickly to configure some of the laptops with the Linux open-source operating system as well. Recognizing the value of this option for N.C. State students, the provost allocated special funding for another twenty-five laptops.

The library has also installed wireless network access in the main and branch libraries. Details about these services are available at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/laptop.html>.

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