AirPAC for Smartphones (m.alisweb.org)

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What is AirPAC?

AirPAC (m.alisweb.org), an online catalog designed for small-screen browsers on devices such as Web-enabled phones and PDAs, allows you to search the library catalog and view your patron record from anywhere, at any time. AirPAC includes full search capabilities, item information display, patron record display, and renewal and request capabilities. AirPAC is designed to serve a wide variety of devices that run browsers supporting HTML or WML (used on Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) devices).

Is my access to AirPAC affected by how I connect to the Internet?

No. The method of getting an Internet connection (e.g., GSM (Groupe Speciale Mobile), 802.11, Bluetooth, WAP) is not a factor in accessing AirPAC.

Is there a way to access the advanced search feature in Airpac for Smartphones? Is there a way to do an author, or title, or subject search in Airpac for Smartphones?

AirPAC for Smartphones was designed to be easy to use and maximize success, excluding search forms that did not fit with the model of a mobile user accessing the library quickly between other activities. We offer a keyword search with relevance-sorted results, suitable for keyword, subject, author, and title searches. The interface is deliberately focused on the single search box use case.

What devices support AirPAC?

Devices capable of running a Web browser that can display HTML or WML and submit HTTP requests that properly identify themselves can use AirPAC. AirPAC for Smartphones works with the following devices:

- Apple iPhone
- Apple iPod Touch
- BlackBerry Storm
- BlackBerry Bold 9000
- Motorola Droid
- HTC Droid Eris
- Palm Pre

There are many different kinds of wireless devices. Does AirPAC display the same in all of them?

While we make every effort to identify the device and serve an appropriate display (e.g., minimal displays for mobile phones), the industry does not provide good standardization on the user agent information that these devices use to identify themselves to the server. Therefore, if a device is unrecognized, it will be served a default HTML version of the display. As developments in the industry progress, we will update appropriately formatted displays to serve for them.