

Centennial State Libraries

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Comments Wanted on Draft "Principles for a Networked World"

State Librarian Nancy Bolt participated in a session in April to develop "Principles for a Networked World." More than 40 representatives from 22 ALA divisions, committees, round tables, and sister organizations met in Skokie, Illinois, to revisit the "1993 Principles for the Development of the National Information Infrastructure." This document was designed to guide libraries in the significant policy reassessment predicated by major advances in telecommunications and technology.

The result of the intensive, two-day workshop is a new document, "Library Principles for the Networked World," in draft form. This document will provide a framework for addressing information technology policies that will best serve libraries and their users. It is hoped that this document will also be an important tool for library advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

We need your help! Your feedback and input are essential for this document to accurately reflect the perspectives of the library community and to be useful to librarians, policy makers and government officials. Please review the draft principles at the OITP Web site <http://www.ala.org/oitp/prinintro.html>, and submit feedback following the simple instructions on the "How to Comment" page <http://www.ala.org/oitp/comment.html>. We really want to hear from you. Please direct all comments and questions to oitp@alawash.org.

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

The following are the first steps in addressing the Children's Internet Protection Act

(CIPA) and basic information regarding this new federal law. If you are applying for E-rate funds on Internet access or internal connections, you'll want to be familiar with them.

1. The first step in addressing CIPA is known as "undertaking action." This can be as simple as scheduling a meeting to discuss filtering, getting software prices, or circulating a staff meeting agenda with CIPA compliance mentioned as a topic. Actions undertaken to comply with CIPA must occur on July 1, 2001, or when services have started. **IF YOU ARE UNDER A TARIFFED CONTRACT THAT BEGINS AUTOMATICALLY ON JULY 1, YOU WILL WANT TO "TAKE ACTION" SO THAT YOU CAN BE FUNDED FOR YOUR COSTS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CONTRACT.**

Sending an e-mail message to Rose Nelson at the State Library to request information could be an example of taking action. You can send an e-mail to the State Library requesting information on CIPA and save the original message with our reply in your documents; this would also fulfill the requirement for "UNDERTAKING ACTION."

2. On or before October 28,2001: file form 486 to certify CIPA/NCIPA compliance, which includes one of three choices: 1.) Already in compliance; 2.) Undertaking actions to put into place an Internet Safety Policy and to procure the filtering or blocking technology; 3.) CIPA/NCIPA doesn't apply because your library only receives E-rate funding for telecommunications expenditures, not Internet access charges.
3. July 1, 2002-(Year five): Libraries must certify on the form 486 that they are in compliance with CIPA in order to receive E-rate funds.

For further information on CIPA, refer to ALA's web site <http://www.ala.org/cipa/> or the SLD web site <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/whatsnew/MISC/CIPA051801.asp>. Or contact Rose Nelson, Technology Consultant, Colorado State Library, (303)-866-6946; nelson_r@cde.state.co.us

Wildlife Bibliography Available

The State Publications Library of the Colorado State Library has produced a bibliography of wildlife resources available from state government agencies. The list includes selected Internet sites as well as print publications on topics ranging from hunting and fishing information to wildlife viewing and identification to habitat protection programs.

Access the bibliography <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpbiwildlife.htm>. For questions/comments contact, Maureen Crocker, Colorado State Publications Library, 303/866-6728; fax: 303/866-6940; crocker_m@cde.state.co.us; <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo>.

Gates Grant Update

Colorado libraries showed a great turnout in applying for Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation grants. Eighty-eight percent of libraries that were eligible for the Gates grants applied, while 11% of libraries that qualified for a partial grant applied. Checks should go out to eligible libraries the last week in July. "Before Your Computer Arrives" workshops are scheduled to start around August 7. Grant implementation will occur from October 2001 through February, 2002. More information on these workshops is to come. For further details on the grants, see <http://www.aclin.org/technology/grants.html>.

Web Filtering Law No Violation of Free Speech Says DOJ

According to the U.S. Justice Department, a new law requiring schools and libraries that receive the government "e-rate" subsidy to install Internet filtering software does not violate free speech. According to a recent brief, "Any library that accepts CIPA's conditions retains the discretion to tailor access by patrons to any and all Web communications that meet local community standards and to do so in a manner that complies with the First Amendment." In other words, the law gives communities the authority to determine how the technology should be used and what should be filtered. In addition, the Justice Department claims that the law falls under Congress' broad powers over spending federal money. [SOURCE: Newsbytes, AUTHOR: Brian Krebs] <http://www.newsbytes.com/news/01/166706.html>

New Additions to the Colorado Virtual Library

If you haven't checked out the Colorado Virtual Library recently, take a look. Jefferson County Schools and the Juniper Catalog, a project of Pathfinder and Three Rivers library systems are new additions to the Colorado Virtual Library. Both of these resources can be searched via Z39.50 through the Colorado Virtual Library! Stay tuned as more schools and libraries are added to CVL!

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