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Best wishes for a challenging, successful, fulfilling and peaceful 2002 to all Colorado libraries and staff.
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E-Rate Trainings Scheduled for Early January—Register Now!

For those new to E-rate or just wanting a refresher on completing Form 471, the Colorado State Library and CDE-Educational Telecom unit are offering E-rate training sessions on the following dates:

When and Where:

- Tuesday, January 8: 1-3pm Web based training. Logon to training web site and participate from your desktop. Logon and password for attending the web conference will be provided at a later date.

- Wednesday, January 9: 10 am to 2 pm
  Weld Library District/Lincoln Park Branch, Greeley

- Thursday, January 10: 10 am to 2pm
  Arkansas Valley Library District, Pueblo

What Will Be Covered:

- Overview of the E-rate Process: forms to file and deadlines.
- Filing form 471 online
- Questions on eligible services, NSLP discount data, multi-year contracts, attachments to Form 471, other questions.

Complete details and registration at E-Rate web site.

Computer Specs and Updated Standards Provided by Standards and Technology Committee

Are you considering purchasing new computers and would like some guidelines on specs? What are the minimum technology requirements to offer typical services to your patrons such as online databases and web-based catalogs? How can you convince your library board that there is a need to upgrade technology to continue to offer library services to patrons? If any of these questions ring true, or you are just curious, take a look at the recently updated Technology Standards web site. The standards, which include three levels, are divided into sections: Service & Support, Hardware, and Training. The standards were created to provide libraries with benchmarks for maintaining a level of technology sufficient for providing typical library services.

Top Tech Trends Predicted for 2002 in Schools and Libraries

The December issue of *School Library Journal* reported the top technology trends that we might see in the upcoming year in both schools and libraries.

1. Wireless net access--Wireless networks continue to gain popularity, particularly in school settings. Wireless technology allows cable-free access to networks.

2. E-rate in the eye of the hurricane--CIPA will have a big impact on the number of schools and libraries participating in E-rate and what types of services they apply for.

3. Cyberterrorism--Terrorists may use the Internet as a weapon crippling U.S. corporate and government web sites in addition to computers in schools and libraries

4. Handhelds--When the price comes down and the devices provide more readily access to the Internet, it won't be unlikely for librarians to use these to check the catalog remotely as they browse the stacks.

5. Tablet computers--These devices combine the advantage of laptop screen readability with the greater portability of a handheld. Students can take notes with a stylus and can also view multimedia presentations (assuming this is a broadband wireless network).

6. Less free, more fee--Web sites, such as Britannica.com that used to offer free content to users are starting to charge or sharply reduce what was once free. However, Forrester Research indicates users are unwilling to pay for online content.

7. More Online Students--There is an expected increase in the number of high school students, particularly from rural areas, taking online courses in subject specific areas Broadband in these areas will also need to increase to make this type of distance education possible.

8. The copyright war continues--There is a struggle to maintain the fair use of copyrighted materials for educational purposes in the digital age. Intellectual property owners such as AOL, Time Warner, and Microsoft become more concerned about individuals pirating their goods.

(Source: 2002's Top Tech Trends, *School Library Journal*, December 2001, pp 25-26.)

Automation Toolkit Improves Navigation and Use

The Automation Toolkit has a new interface to make it easier to navigate and use.

(Technology notices provided courtesy of Rose Nelson, Technology Consultant, Colorado State Library)

ALA LIVE! @your library Offers Grants for Personal Appearances

For the past four years, LIVE! @your library, an initiative of the American Library Association Public Programs Office, has been providing grants for libraries nationwide, to explore cultural issues through live appearances by authors, artists and musicians. The "Request for Proposals" is available on the ALA web site. Resources include a roster of authors involved in the programs, program partners, and ALA staff. Upcoming deadlines are January 15 and March 15, 2002.

Retiring Jeffco Librarian Receives Public Kudos

Laquitta Denton, children's librarian for the Jefferson County Public Library, recently retired. *Rocky Mountain News* reporter Gary Massaro paid tribute to her dedication and the impact she made on the people around her. In a December article, Massaro wrote, "So great has been her love of books that Denton made her living from them -- as a children's librarian. She is more widely known in Arvada as the Story Lady because for 20 years she has read books to children, often accompanied by Henrietta, a stuffed, toy hippopotamus. . .In summing up her love of books, Denton could also be describing her life. 'They were a way of finding out about the world, about other countries and people,' Denton said. 'I had wonderful, grand adventures.'"

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