

# **E-Rate Issues**

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# What Libraries are Eligible for E-rate Support?

Any public library that meets the Alaska Statutes Sec. 14.56.400:

- (a) A public library established under this section shall provide at least the following services free of charge to the residents of the municipality or community:
  - (1) establish and maintain a collection of books and other materials for loaning;
  - (2) provide access to interlibrary loan services;
  - (3) provide reading or other educational programs for children; and
  - (4) provide reference information.
  
- (b) A public library established under this section shall submit an annual report of its operations and the services it provides to the director of the division that has responsibility for state libraries.

# What about CIPA?

Review your *Internet Safety Policy*

*Need examples? Valerie is happy to supply you with these!*

Are you **filtering** already?

*If you are not, the OWL Project will help in providing you with a level of filtering that meets your community's needs.*

# How is your discount determined?

- E-rate discounts range from 20% to 90% of your phone and internet bills.
- Your discount rate is determined by the school district in which your library resides.
- Typical discounts in Alaska are 70%

# What will E-rate pay for?

- Phone charges
- Internet Charges
- Equipment and wiring for phone and internet
- Maintenance of E-rate eligible equipment

# How does this discount come to my library?

- You can get a discount on your monthly bill
- You can pay the full bill and ask for a refund from the E-rate program monthly, quarterly, or yearly (you choose when you want to invoice for bills already paid).

# ***Who will do my paperwork*** if I decide to participate in the OWL bandwidth portion of the project?

- The Alaska State Library E-rate office will file the E-rate paperwork necessary for you to obtain discounts on your Internet bills.
- Should you wish to obtain E-rate on your phone bills also, the E-rate office will also assist you with that!

# Where do I sign?

- You will need to sign a "Letter of Agreement" for E-rate bandwidth participation and submit to the OWL project team found in your packet **along with your.....**
- Signed *Letter of Intent To Participate* provided in your packet (must be returned by December 30, 2010) that Rich Greenfield discussed.