



Talking Points of the Alaska OWL Project

For Alaska Public Libraries the OWL (Online With Libraries) Project will:

- Increase broadband speeds to provide faster internet connections for rural and remote locations.
- Provide new desktop and laptop computers to be used by library patrons.
- Provide more distance education opportunities for students and adult learners throughout Alaska.
- Allow Alaska library users to attend interactive videoconference meetings with others around the state, the nation, and the globe.
- Assist small and all volunteer libraries in acquiring improved technical skills.
- Help Alaska library patron earn better salaries by pursuing an education or enhancing their job training through videoconferencing without leaving their towns. .
- Provide information technology training to Alaskan that will enhance their future employment prospects.

The Alaska State Library and Alaska Public Libraries are working with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Bill and Melinda Gates, and the Rasmuson Foundation to make this project a success.