

Duchesne County Library System Technology Plan 2006-2008

Introduction:

The mission of the Duchesne County Library System's Computer Enhancement Project is to provide residents of Duchesne County and Western Uintah County with access to up-to-date materials, equipment, and information. Technology should be a supplement to traditional means of learning and not a substitute for it.

This document addresses the needs of the Duchesne County Library's Computer Enhancement Project during the years 2006 – 2008. It will act as a guideline for library system staff and library board members as they prepare for the next phase of this ongoing project. The next planned phase of this project is to develop a Inter-local library loan system within Duchesne County.

Because the Internet is such an important part of our lives it is important that we take time to educate patrons about it's uses and value. Patrons should educate themselves on the dangers attached to Internet usage problems such as chat rooms and inappropriate content. The library board and library system staff members encourage patrons to take an active role in the things their children are accessing via the Internet.

Legislation on a state and federal level have brought to the forefront the issue of how best to protect our youth as they use the Internet at public libraries. We, as a library system staff and library board, have worked hard to develop a strong Internet policy and Internet procedures for our patrons to follow.

The role of the library system staff with regard to the library's computer enhancement project is to provide patrons with up to date computer equipment and Internet access. They will enforce the Internet policies set forth by the library board and assist patrons in using the Internet as time allows.

Goals and Objectives:

This project has been designed to provide patrons with up to date Internet access. It is also primarily designed to enhance the educational opportunities available in local schools and local institutions of higher learning.

Objective #1 -- Evaluate the library system's computer needs yearly:

This evaluation should take place in the fall of each year so as to run concurrent with the annual budgeting process. The following are points for consideration in this evaluation:

- * Evaluate yearly the library's computer equipment needs.
- * Review the library's Internet Policy no less than every three (3) years or as needed.

- * Prepare a technology plan for board and commission approval by October 1 of each year.
- * Evaluate the library's circulation system software yearly and determine if it is up-to-date.

Objective #2 – Purchase Educational Software and Interactive for the children's room at the Roosevelt Library

- * Prepare a list of software and interactive books for purchase
- * Focus software purchases in the areas of reading, math, and writing
- * Purchase computers and install the software and interactive books.

Objective #3-- Enhance the technology services offered by the Duchesne Branch Library

- * Develop a Website for the Duchesne Branch Library.
- * Provide on-line access to the Duchesne Branch holdings.
- * Offer more computers with Internet access to patrons.

Interagency Cooperation:

It is the intention of the Duchesne County Library board and the Duchesne County Library Staff to enter into agreements with the Duchesne County School District, Uintah Basin Applied Technical College and the Utah State University - Uintah Basin Branch, and the Uintah Basin Bookmobile Library. Through these agreements we will work toward making library services more readily available to the residents of outlying communities of Duchesne County.

The two institutions of higher learning mentioned above could easily be used to further the training of library system staff members and the library could act as a supplemental resource to the students of these institutions.

Equipment List Duchesne County Library In Roosevelt:

- * 9 patron computers
- * 3 staff access computers
- * 3 circulation system computers
- * 1 Hewlett Packard Deskjet 660C Printer (Staff Access)
- * 1 Hewlett Packard 3500 Series Color Laser printer (Staff Access)
- * 1 Hewlett Packard 2300 Series Laser Printer (Patron / Staff Access)
- * 1 server

Equipment List Uintah Basin Bookmobile / Duchesne Branch Library in Duchesne:

- * 2 staff access computers
- * 2 public access computers
- * 1 printer
- * 1 lap top computer for staff access

Current Needs:

The most pressing need of our library system is to get the Duchesne Branch equipped with computers for public access. We also need get the Duchesne Branch Library's card catalog available on-line and create a homepage for patrons to access. At the Roosevelt library we are very desirous to get computers for our children's room and purchase educational software and interactive books for them.

Evaluation:

The success of this project will be evaluated based upon how well the project is meeting current needs, goals, and objectives. It will also be evaluated upon how well the equipment is meeting the needs of patrons.

An additional way this project will be evaluated will be based upon how well the project is assisting library staff members in reaching the patrons in the outlying communities of Duchesne County. This can be done by comparing the circulation statistics from those communities from year to year

Project Time Frame:

2006 –

- * Purchase computers, software, and interactive books for Roosevelt Library's Children's Room
- * Evaluate needs for the Uintah Basin Bookmobile / Duchesne Branch Library
- * Evaluate circulation system needs at Roosevelt Library and Duchesne Branch Library
- * Establish a budget line item for computer maintenance and repairs that is 10% of the Library System's Budget

2007 –

- * Establish a web page for the Uintah Basin Bookmobile / Duchesne Branch Library
- * Establish a rotation system for replacement and repair of library system equipment
- * Put Uintah Basin Bookmobile / Duchesne Branch Collection on – line

2008 --

- * Replace and Repair Library Equipment
- * Evaluate library system needs and plan for future needs

