

California LIBRARY News - Spring 2006



What's New with California Libraries?

California Library News informs AT&T Account Teams and customers on school, public, and academic library-related grants, network applications, events, and tools.

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Grant deadlines, announcements, and related news

- ❑ US Department of Education "Forecast of Funding Opportunities"
- ❑ Library Grants BLOG by Stephanie Gerding and Pam MacKellar.

Network applications for libraries:

- ❑ Internet Safety Sites, Tutorials, and Videos
- ❑ IP Video Applications for Libraries
- ❑ Library Virtual Tours

Previously featured network applications include Network Convergence, Language Line Services, Web-based Tutorials @Your Library, Webcams@Your Library, Collaboration Collage for Videoconferencing, RFID, Wireless LANs, Dedicated Web Hosting, Audio and Web Conferencing, Voice Prints, and Voice over IP.

Events and news:

- ❑ April 20-23: CARL - California Academic and Research Library Conference, Monterey
- ❑ April 26: Library Legislation Day, sponsored by CLA, CSLA, and CALTAC
- ❑ May 1: California Young Readers Medal Award Winners Announced
- ❑ June 24-27: Annual American Library Association Conference, New Orleans
- ❑ AT&T Summer Seminar Series on "E-RATE 101 for Libraries"
- ❑ Filamentality Re-Branding to www.kn.att.com
- ❑ AT&T Education & Library Advocate Workshops

Grants and awards:

US Department of Education's "Forecast for Funding Opportunities" This site lists programs and competitions for the year. See www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html.

Library Grants BLOG

Two Southwestern bloggers, Arizona librarian Stephanie Gerding and New Mexican librarian Pam MacKellar have created "Library Grants." See www.librarygrants.blogspot.com/

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Network Applications:

Internet Safety Sites, Tutorial, and Videos

California Senator Liz Figueroa held a 3/17/06 hearing on Online Safety. Several Internet Safety websites were showcased. Panelists provided several examples:

- Webwisekids.org President Judi Westberg Warren says her organization has created a number of educational games for educators. Games include "MISSING," a CD-ROM computer game for middle school students, a cyber cops program for high school, and an online program for parents called "WIRED FOR WISDOM." For more information, see www.webwisekids.org and <http://www.internetsafety.com/>
- This summer, Microsoft plans to launch Windows Live Family Safety Settings, which is advertised to help enhance customer safety by making family protection tools free, widely available and flexible through the Web-based Microsoft Windows Live service. Microsoft is reaching out to expert child and family organizations worldwide, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in the U.S., to help enable these organizations to provide age-based guidelines directly to parents on recommended web content filtering, giving parents valuable suggestions on appropriate settings. Family Safety Settings will provide a link to the AAP's site so parents can access additional information.

Additionally, Microsoft is building a CyberTipLine video for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) publicizing how to report crimes against children, and Senator Figueroa is planning to link to the video from her site as well. The AAP site, which will be accessible through Family Safety Settings, will link to NCMEC's site where people can access the CyberTipLine video. According to Hemanshu Nigam, Microsoft Director of Consumer Security, Microsoft has a strategy of partnering with appropriate groups such as AAP and NCMEC. For more information, see www.microsoft.com/athome/security

- Congress has funded i-SAFE for the past six years, according to its President and CEO Teri Schroeder. i-SAFE incorporates classroom curriculum and community outreach to empower students, teachers, parents and law enforcement to make the Internet a safer place. It does pre and post assessments of students, has a cyber bullying curriculum, and collaborated with Microsoft on i-LEARN. i-SAFE (www.isafe.org) has created a library of webcasts with students who have tried out for roles in the videos.

IP Video Applications for Libraries

Internet Protocol (IP) visual technologies are now applications that run on your telecommunications infrastructure. Here are some examples:

- **Library auditoriums and multi-media community centers.** California is building many new high-tech public and community college libraries, thanks to state and local bond measures. IP Video allows for multimedia room integration with the campus or library network.
- **Professional development and library programs** are easily streamed, produced, and archived. Staff and library users can view programs live or later, at their convenience.

- **California rural public libraries can move from ISDN to IP Video.** Pioneers in using interactive videoconferencing, Ruraleers can switch to IP Video to provide greater access to programs at a non-measured rate.
- **IP Environmental monitoring and surveillance for preservation** of academic and special library archives, special collections, and museum resources.

Footnote for schools and public libraries: The FCC has ruled that IP Video is NOT an eligible service for E-RATE. It is not eligible for California Teleconnect Funds.

Library Virtual Tours

Marin County Free Library's branches now have 360 degree virtual tours, thanks to California's "Librarian-in-Black," Sarah Houghton. See <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/library/virtualtours.cfm> and take a tour. Click on an image, then keep clicking to go right or left to see more. Not fancy, but fun. This could be good for showcasing special exhibits, too. It could be an engaging way to bring attention to your new or remodeled library, especially as your opening celebration nears.

Events and Tools:

California Academic and Research Library Conference. April 20-23, 2006

The CARL Conference 2006 theme is "Beyond the Ivory Tower: Creative Strategies for Learning and Leading." Asilomar, Monterey. See <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/~ieyman/asilomar2006/>

Library Legislation Day. April 26, 2006

Each year, the California Library Association, California School Library Association, and California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners sponsor Library Legislation Day. Librarians and library advocates visit Sacramento to gather together to discuss their top legislative issues and to meet with their state representatives.

CLA Legislative Day Coordinator Kathy Gould lists 6 key issues for 2006: Full funding for the Public Library Foundation; Full funding for Resource Sharing and Transaction Based Reimbursement; Support for the Library Construction Bond Act (Proposition 81); Funding for the California State Library; Establishment of School Library Content Standards (AB 2065); and State purchase of electronic resources for school libraries (AB 2540.) To learn more about CLA's issues, see position papers at www.cla-net.org/legislation/legday.php; To learn more about CSLA's legislation, see AB 2065 School Library Content Standards at www.csla.net/pdf/Database.pdf, and AB 2540 School Library Equitable Access to Education Resources - Every Student a LEADER at www.csla.net/pdf/Standards.pdf

California Young Readers Medal Award Winners Announced. May 1, 2006

Millions of California students nominate, read, and vote for their favorite book to win a CYRM award. Four California organizations sponsor the annual awards: CATE-California Association of Teachers of English, CLA-California Library Association, CRA-California Reading Association, and CSLA-California School Librarians Association. Mark your calendar for May 1st to check for the winning titles at <http://californiayoungreadermedal.org>

American Library Association Annual Conference, June 22-28, 2006

After last year's Hurricane season, ALA was the first large organization to commit it would keep its conference in New Orleans in 2006. Pre-registration, which closed March 3, was slightly ahead of the 2004 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando. Advance registration for the conference is available through May 19. Almost 500 attendees also have volunteered for community service projects planned for Friday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 27. Conference goers will be able to choose from activities to help the New Orleans Public Library, Orleans Parish School District, Habitat for Humanity or other community rebuilding efforts. To volunteer, register under the "Special Registration Section" at www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/annual/2006a/registration.htm See www.ala.org or register your library blog on the conference wiki at http://meredith.wolfwater.com/ala2006/index.php?title=Main_Page

AT&T Summer Seminar Series on E-RATE 101 for Libraries:

Your AT&T Library Advocate offers California public libraries annual training in the E-RATE process. Workshops run 1-2 hours. This training is useful as a refresher course to libraries applying for Federal E-RATE discounts or for those new to the complexity of E-RATE. Topics covered include: an overview of E-RATE, the Federal Universal Services Fund for schools and libraries; the process for applying for E-RATE discounts; the importance of technology plans; and CTF, the California Teleconnect Fund.

Filamentality Re-Branding

When our company re-branded from SBC to AT&T, the Knowledge Network Explorer URL was permanently changed to <http://www.kn.att.com> (which is great!) This affected users who were still accessing their sites using the ancient www.kn.pacbell.com URL. All pages and everything on the server has remained intact. This is only a URL change. If you have a Filamentality page it's still alive, you can no longer reach it using the pacbell address. All you have to do is replace the "pacbell" with "att."

AT&T California's Education & Library Advocate Workshops.

Schedule a free workshop or webinar. They can be customized for your school or library. See the AT&T Knowledge Network ExplorerSM at www.kn.att.com/support/california.html