

1.Thompson Falls Public Library

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2.Thompson Falls is an isolated community. It is 100 miles to a major library. By use of computers and connection to the Internet we will be able to provide research information that we can not provide in book format due to space and budget limitations.

3.In 1998 we would like to purchase a new computer and have a dial-up connection to the Internet. This would be in a location for access by the librarian more than the public. This would allow the staff to become familiar with the Internet and how to best use it. The next step would be another computer networked to the librarian's computer sharing the same dial-up connection. This second computer would be for use of the library patrons. The time frame for adding the second computer would be determined by the budget. Ideally less than one year.

4.Computer House 486

Windows 3.1

Lasercat

This computer is used to do interlibrary loans and some word processing for labels and catalog cards.

5.The library will purchase a new Pentium computer and install dial-up Internet access in 1998. This will provide continued interlibrary loans and limited Internet access to the public.

6.The library can fund one computer and Internet access in 1998. Improvements beyond this would have to come from funds in more than one fiscal year if the resources of the library were the only funding source.

7.None

8.Initial training for the staff would be done by a volunteer from the Library Board. Until we have the technology in place we are unable to determine what would be required for the patrons.