THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Vision: Thornton Public Library would like to provide its patrons with access to the most current information in a timely basis.

Technology Needs: As we enter into another decade, we need to continue providing internet. Thornton Public Library being a small library, SWAN is a necessity – it "increases" out collection!

Current Technology: Thornton Public Library provides internet access computers for the patrons to use. Our Patrons have access to materials from other libraries through SWAN (System Wide Automated Network).

Goals:

1. Our first goal is to continue having a staff member be trained in today's technology. Estimated Cost: $1000 per year. FY 2010-2011
2. Thornton Public Library would like to place 3 internet access computers for their patrons. Current computers are from 2003. Estimated cost: $2500. FY 2011-2012
3. Thornton Public Library has their collection automated. We hope to continue providing SWAN for our patrons. Estimated Cost: $8000-$10000 per year. FY 2010-2015

Thornton Public Library is a small library compared to other libraries in the Chicago area. Even with limited staff, budget and space, we hope to achieve these goals in order to improve library service for our patrons. We will review our technology plan annually.   7-20-10