



November 14, 2005

Hello,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that your library is eligible to participate in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help disadvantaged communities replace the Gates computers received in 2000. The California State Library Foundation is managing the administration of the grant in collaboration with the California State Library.

Each library will receive funds that are to be used to replace their Gates computers. If the Gates computers you received in 2000 are still functioning as public access computers, you will receive funds to replace them. The new computers must be purchased and installed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. If you have already replaced any Gates computers and the new computers are used as public access computers, you will receive funds to replace them. The library must replace those public access computers by December 2008.

In order to be eligible for funds, you must provide information about the status of the computers granted to you in 2000. To assist you with this process, the Gates Foundation has created accounts for your library in the TechAtlas program available at <http://webjunction.techatlas.org>.

For each library outlet (branch) that received a Gates computer in 2000 (per the Gates Foundation's records), a separate login and password has been set up for you to use to provide information about all computers originally granted to that outlet. The number of computers provided to each outlet is provided on a separate page and is part of this information packet.

It is important that you login under EACH account to provide information about all granted computers that were provided to that outlet (if your library already has an account in TechAtlas, you may use your existing account to provide this information).

A packet of instructions has been provided with this letter. Please follow the instructions provided, for each outlet, to ensure that your library is eligible for the PAC HUG grant.

Additional information and other helpful resources can be found at the following websites:

CSL Connection article announcing the program:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/newsletter/2005/2005fall/access.html>

Infopeople's Gates Foundation pages covering the Staying Connected and PAC HUG programs: <http://infopeople.org/partners/gates/>

WebJunction PAC HUG resources: <http://www.webjunction.org/hug>.

If you require assistance with TechAtlas or have questions about the program, please call Lori Ayre at (707) 763-6869 or email her at [LBAYre@galecia.com](mailto:LBAYre@galecia.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ira Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Ira Bray