

UC2B public computing center query

Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center Foundation

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Public Computing funding will be used to boost the capacity of the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center (UCIMC) to serve area organizations and members of the public as one of the community's technology center hubs. With federal support, the UCIMC will expand its ability to provide media production training, community webhosting and listservs, public wifi access, public access computing, and community radio webstreaming and remote radio broadcast. Founded in 2000, the UCIMC's mission is to foster the creation and distribution of media and art emphasizing underrepresented voices and perspectives and to promote empowerment and expression through media and arts education. To this end, the UCIMC owns and operates 30,000 square foot a Community Media and Arts Center in the center of downtown Urbana.

Specific Needs:

6. Mon: 10 am – 9 pm
Tue: 10 am – 9 pm
Wed: 10 am – 9 pm
Thu: 10 am – 9 pm
Fri: 9 am – 6 pm
Sat: 9 am – 6 pm
Sun: 1 pm – 5 pm

7. Total of 44 public computers, all with full Internet access.
(All except the 2 children's PCs also have the MS Office software.

- 22 adult/teen PCs (for adults and those in 6th grade and up)
- 4 express PCs (quick-use, stand-up stations)
- 3 team PCs (for those who need to work together or assist someone in learning)
- 4 adults-only PCs (especially useful during the crowded after-school hours)
- 2 senior PCs (for age 55 and older, or those with special needs)
- 2 parent PCs (located in the children's department for parents/caregivers who come accompanied by young children)
- 2 children's PCs (for those up through 5th grade)
- 5 PCs for use with genealogy/local history research (located in the Archives)

In addition to the above Internet stations, there are 27 public PCs with limited/no Internet.

- 6 children's PCs with educational CD-ROM games (no Internet)
- 2 PCs with Office software but Internet access limited to selected databases
(These PCs have no time limits to allow extended Office use.)
- 16 OPACs, with Internet access limited to selected databases
- 3 PCs in Archives with full Internet access but used primarily for viewing microfilm

8. Current connection for public PCs is at 6.5 Mbps.
(An additional 1.5 Mbps is used on T-1 line for staff PCs. When City of Urbana finishes fiber project, all library PCs will share 8.0 Mbps.)

9. Typical # of persons served Mon – Fri = estimated 1,670 sessions (not persons)

10. Typical # of persons served Sat – Sun = estimated 330 sessions (not persons)

107,644 public computer “sessions” in last fiscal year. Allow up to 2 sessions/day.

Session max = 1 hour. Session average in June 2009 = 47 minutes. No breakdown readily available by day of the week. Based on June 2009 statistics, estimate 2,000 sessions/week. (June = 6,676 weekdays & 1,326 weekends. Pattern will differ in school year.)