

# E-Rate & Digital Literacy Workshop Opportunity

Two experienced NLC trainers will be on hand to help you understand what E-Rate is, how your library can benefit, the kind of digital skills that are necessary to meet the growing needs of your patrons, and how to become a more valuable resource to your community.

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 28th  
Registration Begins at 8:30am  
9am-12pm (E-Rate Morning Session)  
1pm-4pm (Thriving in a Digital World Afternoon Session)  
\*Lunch will be on your own.

**WHERE:** Grand Island Public Library  
1124 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
3 CEU's Earned for Each Session

## E-Rate (Morning Session)

What is E-rate? How can my library benefit from E-rate?  
How do I apply for E-rate?

E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts to schools and public libraries on the cost of their Broadband, Fiber, and Wi-Fi Internet access and Internal Connections, such as wiring, routers, switches, and other network equipment, in order to make these services more affordable.

The [E-Rate Productivity Center](#) (EPC) is your online portal for all E-rate interactions. With your organizational account you can use EPC to file forms, track your application status, communicate with USAC, and more.

What does your library need to know to use EPC? In this workshop, Christa Porter, Nebraska's State E-rate Coordinator for Public Libraries, will cover the basics of the E-rate program and show you how to access and use your account in EPC to submit your Funding Year 2020 E-rate application. There will also be hands-on time, when you can get assistance completing your E-rate forms.

E-rate Resources: [Register Here for the E-Rate \(Morning Session\) Workshop](#)

- ◆ [NLC E-rate website](#)
- ◆ [USAC Schools and Libraries E-rate website](#)

## Thriving in a Digital World (Afternoon Session)

How can libraries help communities thrive in a digital world? In 1991, there was one website in existence. There are now over [1.7 billion websites](#) with over [4.3 billion internet users](#) worldwide. The internet has changed the way we communicate, how we access information, learn new skills, buy and sell goods, and so much more. Digital skills have become a necessity in many ways.

This workshop will help you identify and meet your community's growing need for digital and technology skills. Make your library a more valuable resource to the community. By the end of this workshop, you will be able to do the following:

1. Identify who you are helping in your community, and how you can help
2. Leverage existing tools and resources to meet growing digital needs
3. Gain inspiration from other libraries in-state and nationwide
4. Experience more interactive, hands-on ways to meet library customer needs
5. Begin building a feasible plan to meet the needs of the future

Together, we will build a happy, healthy and safe digital world for everyone.

Presenter: Amanda Sweet, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

[Register Here for the Thriving in a Digital World \(Afternoon Session\) Workshop](#)