Amount Requested

$2000

Proposal Summary

Rasmuson and BioSci Libraries are constantly updating our collections to provide students with increased access to information available on the Web, allowing the searching and retrieving of information regardless of physical location or time of need. This fund will enable the transition of library material from paper and fiche/film to web access by allowing us to recycle fiche/film (the Library is currently participating in the recycling of paper), freeing up shelf space and ensuring that material does not end up in the landfill. We want to eliminate waste and recycle our microfiche/microfilm. We found an electronics recycling service, GreenDisk [http://www.greendisk.com/](http://www.greendisk.com/) who recycles these materials for a reasonable fee.

Technical Advisors and Collaborators

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Budget Detail

A fellow staff member meticulously calculated the weight of fiche we currently have available for recycling (400 pounds) and figured that total cost to GreenDisk, including processing + the USPS postage media rate equals $359.

GreenDisk Fee = $6.95 + (5 x $ .30) = $8.95

USPS media rate postage on 27 lbs. = $12.52

Actual TOTAL for Test Box = $20.97 to recycle 25 lb. fiche ($1.37 savings over shipping in 20 lb. increments)

In summary:

$139.00 GreenDisk Processing Fee
$220 USPS Postage, Media Rate

$359 TOTAL cost to us to recycle 400 lb. microfiche with GreenDisk

We're estimating to have approximately 2,000 pounds of microfiche/microfilm to recycle the next 10 years the SIREN fee is available, justifying the $2,000 amount we're requesting.

Budget Justification

Please see above.

Project Value

For several years the Library has increased access to information available on the Web, allowing students to search and retrieve information regardless of physical location or time of need. This fund will further enable the transition of library material from paper and fiche/film to web access by allowing us to recycle fiche/film (the Library is currently participating in the recycling of paper), freeing up shelf space and ensuring that material does not end up in the landfill.
Implementation Plan

We've begun the process already of compiling the fiche that needs recycling, weighed it, and are awaiting your decision before we proceed with packaging. The plan is to send out a yearly shipment to GreenDisk. I will oversee this project, with encouraging support from my supervisor, Natalie Forshaw, and the help of several coworkers.

Qualifications & Experience

I spearheaded and managed the paper recycling program earlier this year for both the Rasmuson and BioSci libraries. I created an in-house recycling center, and arranged weekly drop offs to the Rescue Mission. I'm currently the library recycling champion for the UAF-wide recycling effort that begun this fall, in which we’re now participating.

Group/Department

Rasmuson Library

Sustainability Area

Waste Management, Education and Curriculum, Process and Institution

Supporting Documentation (if provided) follows: