

Press Release (January 2006):

Pioneer Online Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Statewide Contest

Pioneer, Utah's Online Library celebrates its 10th Year Anniversary this spring with a 50-word essay contest. Entries are due March 17, 2006. Winners will be announced on Pioneer's 10th birthday, April 10, 2006. All Utahns are invited to participate. Just tell us in 50 words or less how the Pioneer Library benefits you at home, work or school. Submit your entry on paper to your local school, college or public library. The entry deadline is Friday, March 17th. See additional information and download entry form at: <http://pioneerlibrary.org>.

Each local library (at your public school, college or public library) will award a Pioneer clock/calculator to the top entry. All of the top entries will then be submitted statewide for a drawing. Each of Pioneer's three partners (Utah State Library Division, the Utah State Office of Education, and the Utah Academic Library Consortium) will award a grand prize of an *Apple iPod nano* on April 10th.

Background: Pioneer, Utah's Online Library celebrates its 10th Year Anniversary this spring on April 10, 2006. Ten years ago Utah colleges, schools and public libraries formed the Pioneer Library to bring credible online resources to all Utahns. Today, Pioneer receives thousands of visits each day from Utah students, teachers, and citizens of all ages. Pioneer brings Utahns free online access to magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedia, maps, pictures and multi-media clips. Pioneer's key benefits are statewide access, credible resources and cost-effective delivery. For example Pioneer gives public school students statewide, online access to World Book. What would cost over \$1,000 dollars per school in hard copy form is available at no charge to K-12 student users.

Print the "ENTRY FORM" below. - also available at www.pioneerlibrary.org

WIN an Apple iPod nano

Enter the Pioneer Online Library's 10th Year Anniversary "Ask a 10-Year-Old" Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

School/Library: _____

Submit in 50 words or less how Pioneer Online Library has benefited you at home, work, or school:

Please return Entry Form to your local librarian.

CONTEST INFORMATION:

- Submit entry to your local library by March 17, 2006.
- At each library, the best entry (i.e., best benefit to the person) will be selected and awarded a prize (A Pioneer clock/calculator).
- Each library will submit their best top entry by Friday, March 31st to:
 - Utah State Office of Education for K-12 School Libraries.
 - Utah State Library Division for Public Libraries.
 - Utah Academic Library Consortium for College/University Libraries.
- On April 10th, three grand prize winners will be announced representing the K-12 School Libraries, Public Libraries, and College/University Libraries. The winners will each receive an *Apple iPod nano*.



Your submittal of this Entry Form grants permission for the use of your entry for promoting awareness and use of the Pioneer Online Library. Pioneer, Utah's Online Library, is provided through a statewide partnership of the Utah State Library Division, the Utah Academic Library Consortium, the Utah State Office of Education, the Independent School Libraries of Utah, and the Utah Education Network.