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- For the information highways to be successful, training is required for all users so that people can learn to use the technology in a meaningful way. The Nation's library/media centers should serve as the access points for that training.

- There is too much focus on the technology of the information highways. The focus must be on a new vision and goals in the form of a national program. “It is not the technology, it is what you do with it that is important.” Without a federal vision, the information highways will be nothing more than an a giant electronic shopping center.

- The Internet lacks clear organization and is not easy to use. The internet needs librarians to organize it. “Let the library community be the cartographers, the map makers of the information highways.”

- Consider the role that cable can play in providing inexpensive on-ramps to the information highways for libraries.