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Perth-based public internet vending company, pieNETWORKS Limited (formerly Eureka Technology Corporation Limited), have demonstrated their support of the library and information sector in Australia by becoming major sponsors of Australian Library Week 2000.

pieNETWORKS are the developers of pieLINK — a coin operated internet access kiosk. A patron simply inserts a \$1 coin and the user-friendly software does the rest. E-mail, surfing the 'net or internet relay chat, the pieLINK does it all for both the novice and experienced alike.

The pieLINK utilises the Linux operating system. It requires only a telephone outlet, a power point and less than one square metre of floor space.

The pieLINK user can send and retrieve e-mail (including the downloading and uploading of files to or from a floppy disk), search the world wide web and participate in IRC (Internet Relay Chat). A user simply inserts a one or two dollar coin to initiate connection by the system to the internet (charge rates are changeable at individual location discretion). A timer detailing both funds and time remaining controls the system. There is also a one-minute warning prompting the user to insert further funds.

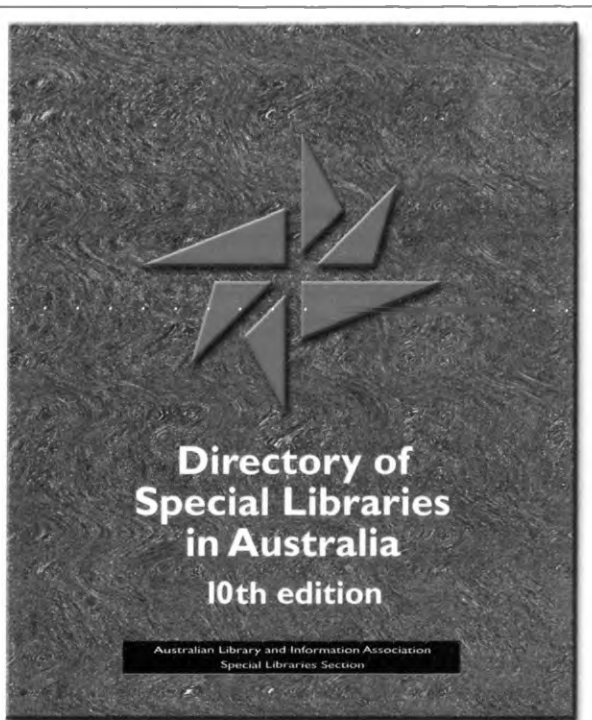
Minimal previous computer or internet skills are required to operate a pieLINK. The software is intuitive and is designed to automatically perform the more complicated commands with only simple operator input. In addition the pieLINK interface is protected by



what pieNETWORKS believes is an almost impenetrable security system. Software failure, viruses and hackers have been restricted via the system design.

pieLINKs can be found at libraries, shopping centres, Caltex and Shell convenience stores and at nearly 200 other locations across Australia. Another 200 pieLINKs are to be located throughout the country in the coming months.

More information is available by visiting pieNETWORKS's web-site at <http://www.netpost.com.au>



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