

Alabama Virtual Library (AVL)

[Alabama Supercomputer Authority](#) is proud to serve as the exclusive technical partner for the [Alabama Virtual Library \(AVL\)](#).

ASA hosts the AVL server, operates the AVL Help Desk, supports libraries in maintenance of IP address database and vendor communication, and provides remote authentication for AVL Home Users. Any Alabama resident may obtain a Home Access Card at their local public library. Staff and students may also obtain a Home Access Card at their local public school library. To date, over 720,000 Home Access Cards have been issued.

What is AVL?

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is comprised primarily of a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources is available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across the state.

History

Since FY1999-2000, the State has appropriated funding for the Alabama Virtual Library. AVL is managed by a [governing council](#) with three representatives from each of the five participating agencies--the Alabama Department of Education, the Alabama College System, the Alabama Council on Higher Education, the Alabama Public Library Service, and the Alabama Supercomputer Authority.

If you enjoy the benefits that AVL brings to your school, college, library or home, please take a few minutes to [thank your local legislators](#) for providing this resource for the State of Alabama.

Help Desk Support

The AVL Help Desk can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by calling 256.971.7487 or 1.800.276.0370. Voice-mail is available for reporting after-hours problems. You may send e-mail questions and comments to us at avlhelpdesk@asc.edu.

Current Databases Provided by AVL

Academic Search Premier	History Reference Center
AccessScience	Informe <small>(Spanish)</small>
African-American History and Culture	InfoTrac OneFile
Alt HealthWatch	InfoTrac Student Edition
Annals of American History Online	Kids InfoBits
ArticleFirst	Kids Search
Auto Repair Reference Center	LegalTrac
Biography Reference Bank	Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts
Book Collection: Nonfiction	Literary Reference Center
Britannica Online Academic Edition	Literature Resource Center
Britannica Online Public Library Edition	LitFinder <small>(Poems) (Stories) (Essays) (Plays) (Speeches)</small>
Britannica Online School Edition	MasterFILE Premier
Business and Company Resource Center	MEDLINE
Business Index	Military & Government Collection
Business Source Premier	Newspaper Source
Clase and Periodica	Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
Clinical Pharmacology	Oxford English Dictionary
Contemporary Authors	Oxford Reference Online Premium
Contemporary Literary Criticism	PapersFirst
Dictionary of Literary Biography	ProceedingsFirst
EBSCO Search <small>(French) (German) (Spanish)</small>	Professional Collection
Electronic Collections Online	Professional Development Collection
Encyclopedia of Animals	PubMed
ERIC	Regional Business News
Ethnic NewsWatch	Scribner Writers Series
Expanded Academic ASAP	Serials Solutions
FirstSearch by OCLC	SIRS Discoverer
Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia	SIRS Knowledge Source
Gale PowerSearch	Student Research Center
Gale Virtual Reference Library	Twayne's Authors Series
General Reference Center Gold	Vocational and Career Collection
GPO Monthly Catalog	World Almanac
Health Source: Consumer Edition	WorldCat
Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition	