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The Alabama Supercomputer Authority Newsletter

ASA SPOTLIGHT: AUTAUGA PRATTVILLE LIBRARY



Recently ASA employees visited the Autauga Prattville Public Library in Prattville, Alabama. Lindsey Milam, Library Director, has written the following article in regards to how the Autauga Prattville Library utilizes the services ASA provides.

The Autauga Prattville Public Library is located in Autauga County, adjacent to Montgomery, Chilton, and Elmore County. We have four branch locations that serve all

of Autauga County. Our branches include Autaugaville, Billingsley, Marbury and Prattville. Our Prattville location is the main administrative location. The branches in Autaugaville, Billingsley, and Marbury are located in very rural areas. All locations offer public computers, printing, faxing, and Wi-Fi.

Our libraries are small and we have limited staff and hours. Our branches are also extremely remote. Despite these limitations, our staff works hard to provide quality resources to our community. Our Prattville location offers a wide variety of resources and programs for all ages, serving over 100,000 community members each year. Our programs include baby time, toddler time, story time, afterschool programs for elementary age and teens.

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We also offer weekly adult programs and monthly take and make crafts and activities. During summer we offer a six week Summer Library Club, with programs for all ages offered daily. In 2022 we had 3370 children and adults participate in our summer programs. Our branch locations are actively involved in enriching their communities, each offering resources, programs and outreach; reaching numerous patrons throughout the year as well.

Before our partnership with the Alabama Supercomputer Authority, Wi-Fi was only available at our Prattville location, and two of our branch locations did not have consistent high-speed internet. Now with the help of ASA we offer dependable high speed internet at all four of our locations and we give our patrons free access to Wi-Fi as well. So far in 2022, we have served over 6000 patrons with our in-house computer uses. We also had an average of over 2600 Wi-Fi users each month. Offering these free internet services has been extremely beneficial to our community. Only a few months ago, we had a gentleman use our Marbury branch computers to attend a virtual zoom job interview. This would not have been possible before our partnership with ASA. And not only did he attend the zoom interview, a few weeks later he came back to tell us he got the job. This success story was made possible by our partnership with ASA.





Client Services

Nichole Gipson
Client Services Director

FY2022 Form 479 and CIPA Agreement

ASA is very appreciative of the Technology Coordinators and Librarians for completing and submitting the FY2022 Form 479 and CIPA Agreement. We understand that your time is valuable and we appreciate your promptness. As a member of ASA's E-rate Consortium, your school district or library is required to complete the Form 479 and CIPA Agreement annually, to certify your compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. CIPA is a federal law that requires schools and libraries that are receiving E-rate discounts to have the following:

1. Internet Safety Policy to address the following issues:
 - Access by minors to inappropriate materials on the Internet
 - Safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms, and other electronic communications
 - Unauthorized access including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online
 - Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
 - Measures to restrict minors' access to material harmful to minors
2. Technology Protection Measure
3. Public hearing or meeting to discuss Internet Safety Policy

If you have not completed the FY2022 Form 479 and CIPA Agreement, please click the link below for access to the forms and instructions.

<https://www.asc.edu/network/mia-services/content-filtering>



Client Satisfaction Survey

ASA recently distributed a Client Satisfaction Survey, giving you an opportunity to share your feedback about our services. ASA is committed to providing excellent service and your comments will help us continue to improve.

We are extremely grateful to you for taking time to share your thoughts and suggestions and look forward to continuing to work with you.



NEWS IN GOVERNMENT

CARY HILL

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



On Thursday, August 11, the State Board of Education convened their monthly meeting to discuss new developments for the State of Alabama's K-12 school year. The Alabama Supercomputer Authority's governmental relations team attends these meetings to stay up to date with the latest education trends and to maintain quality relationships with the State Board and the State Department of Education.

New items for consideration were a resolution commending Christy Mead of the Albertville City School System, the recipient of the 2022 Robert L. Morton award. Secondly, the Board amended the Administrative Code Rule 290-2-2-.01, pertaining to School Facilities and the Approval of New Construction. Lastly, the Board received Alabama Public Charter School Commission Nominees for consideration.

The September Board meeting will consist of the Board members taking up the State Department of Education's FY24 operating budget for final passage. The proposed FY24 budget totaled \$6,068,241,762 that consisted of an increase of \$799,415,298. ASA will report in detail of the September Board meeting when the Board takes up the budget for final passage. Stay tuned!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - TYLER CARR



Tyler Carr
Staff
Accountant

1. **How long have you worked for ASA?**
2 years and 6 months
2. **How long have you worked for the State of Alabama?**
Almost 15 years
3. **What do you like most about working for ASA?**
Knowing that our work makes a positive impact.
4. **What three words would you use to describe ASA?**
Dependable, Focused & Innovative
5. **What are your hobbies?**
Cars and Sports (Roll Tide)
6. **What is your favorite quote?**
"Gratitude and attitude are not challenges; they are choices".
7. **What is the best advice you have ever received?**
Admit when you are wrong and move on.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Debra Wallace, CEO

ASA prides itself on supporting K12 education in the state by providing internet access to most of the school systems and our relationship with K12 supporting organizations and associations. ASA has memberships in many such organizations as we attend and exhibit at conferences throughout the year.

We have been a member of the School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) since this association was founded in 2005. SSA is an association in Alabama for all school superintendents and members of their leadership team. There are approximately 1525 members, including public school systems, individual, retired, associate, and business members. During the SSA summer conference, ASA was presented the "Key Holder Award." This award recognized the seventeen-year partnership between SSA and ASA, recognizing ASA as one of only seven business members who have "opened the door" for SSA's successful work in the State of Alabama. We were very honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing to advance education through technology.

Best regards,



September Tech Talk:

September 20, 2022

9:30am & 3:30pm

at the ALET conference (sponsored by AL School of Cyber Technology & Engineering)

If you would like to receive an invitation to attend our Tech Talk Sessions, please send an email to newsletter@asc.edu.

