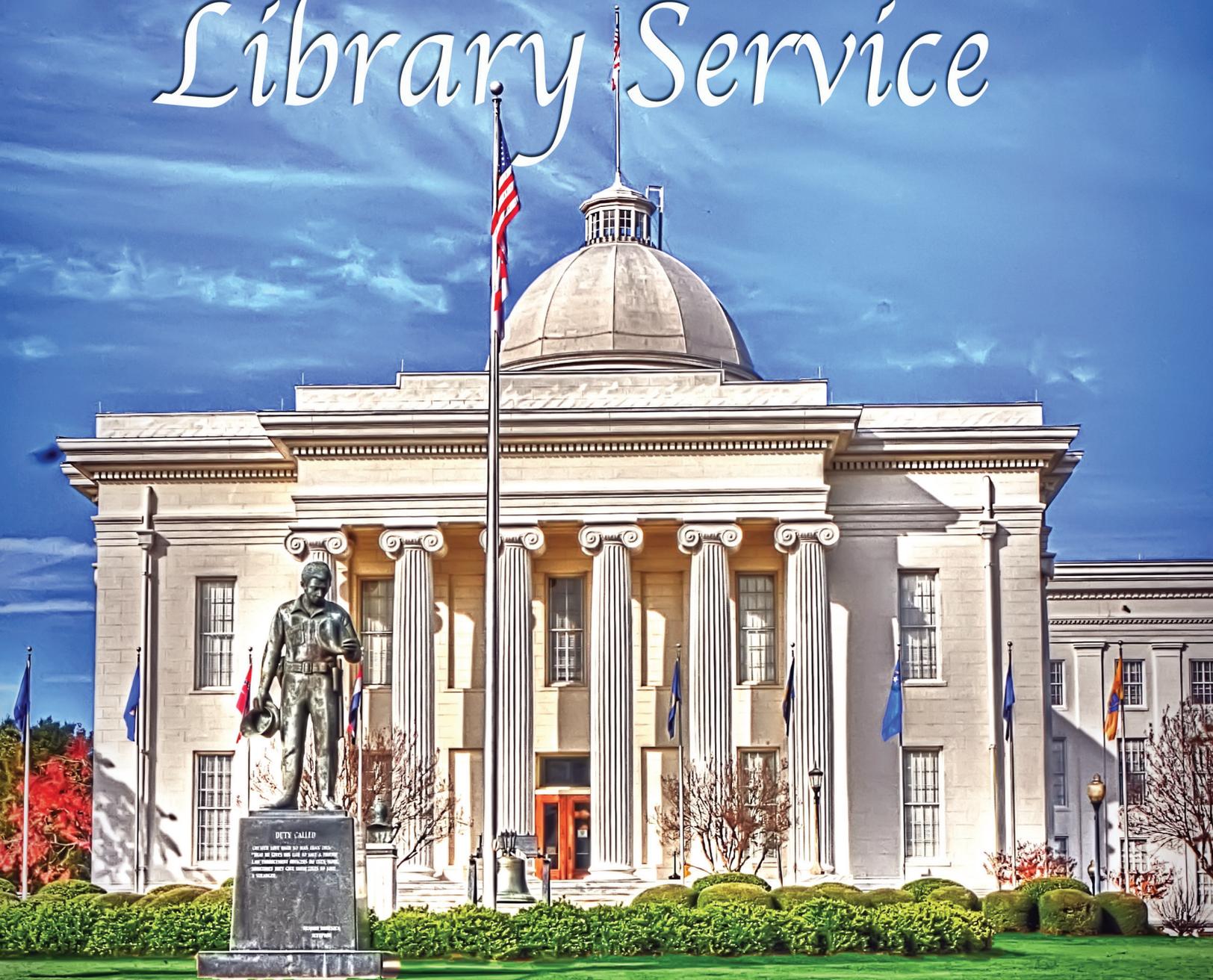


# Alabama Public Library Service



2011  
Annual Report

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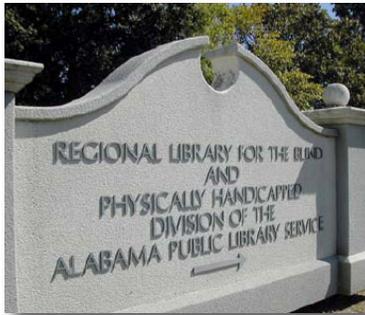
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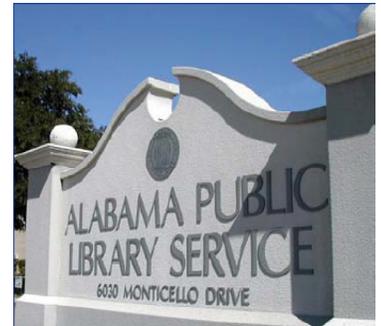
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## Executive Board 2010-2011

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The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) is a state library agency serving all citizens of Alabama through more than 220 public libraries and directly to state employees. Statewide assistance is done through onsite visits, e-mail, phone, FAX, and online resources such as Britannica Global Reference Center, HomeworkAlabama, and Learning Express. The seven-member APLS Executive Board is appointed by the governor for five-year terms with each member serving as the representative of one of Alabama's seven congressional districts.

### The objectives of APLS are:

- To provide library services to Alabama citizens through local public libraries and directly to state employees through job support research.
- To provide library services to those with special needs through the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- To provide library services to employees of the State of Alabama and state agencies, to meet their work-related information needs.
- To assist in establishing cooperative library services and networks.
- To provide continuing education opportunities for public librarians.
- To provide consulting services and information technology to public libraries.
- The agency is responsible for administration and distribution of state aid for public libraries and an annual competitive grant program under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



# From the Director

## SUSTAINING WITH LESS



**Rebecca S. Mitchell**  
**Director**

As in the last few years, 2010-2011 was a time of continuing to tighten our financial belts. APLS and the public libraries of the state can't be considered "fat cats," we are all slim and trim. Public libraries are delivering more services than ever to the citizens of our state. APLS is delivering more services to the public libraries and their communities despite lean times.

This past year was not only a year of financial woes but there was an added stress of the state being hit with tornado outbreaks. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, four of our libraries received substantial damage with many other libraries receiving minor damage. Cordova Public Library in Walker County was hit not once but twice on that day. The town of Cordova was severely damaged along with the destruction of the public library. As a result of the storm damage, the town officials and the regional library system determined that rebuilding the library was not feasible. The town's patrons now receive library services from Jasper Public Library.

Birmingham Public Library's branch location in Pratt City was not spared during the same storms. The Pratt City Branch Library was severely damaged requiring the closure of the facility. The Ensley Branch Library is presently serving Pratt City's patrons. There are plans to rebuild the library.

The storm continued its march across Alabama, severely damaging Ragland Public Library in St. Clair County. The destruction there required finding a new location for the library. Ragland Public Library was reopened in a temporary new home in mid-summer.

The storms were not confined to North and Central Alabama. White Hall Public Library in Lowndes County lost half of its roof to straight-line winds and was forced to close until repairs were completed in mid-summer.

The damage and destruction reinforced APLS efforts for all of our public libraries to have disaster preparedness plans. Ironically, APLS was starting a series of "Disaster Preparedness" workshops the week of the April tornadoes. All public libraries in the state are now required to have a disaster plan as part of their APLS official file. This project was begun shortly after Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina hit our state in 2004 and 2005, but the tornadoes of April 27<sup>th</sup> made the project even more critical.

The APLS staff traveled to the libraries that received severe damage to their buildings to assist in moving materials, provide shelving and extra staff during the initial time after the storm, and also to the Tuscaloosa Public Library to man the reference and circulation desks so that library staff could oversee repairs to their homes that had been damaged. The City of Tuscaloosa was devastated by the tornadoes but the library received no damage to their facility and became a relief center for persons whose homes were destroyed or damaged by the tornadoes. APLS provided extra computers and personnel to assist persons in filing for FEMA, Red Cross and other relief efforts.

The APLS Executive Board recognized five new public libraries as being legally established in 2011, making them eligible for state and federal funding in 2012.

Those libraries were: Glencoe Public Library (Etowah County), Magnolia Springs Public Library (Baldwin County), Pinson Public Library (Jefferson County), and Town Creek Public Library (Lawrence County). The Oscar Johnson Memorial Library in Silverhill (Baldwin County) was recognized as re-opening after a year of being closed.

### **Grant Opportunities:**

The public libraries were the recipients of 10,000 new books through a grant to APLS from a publisher of Alabama and Southern materials. Each public library received approximately 50 new books to add to their collection.

Webjunction, the North Carolina State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded APLS a "Project Compass" grant for workforce recovery workshops. The workshops provided information to public libraries on how to reach out to the unemployed and underemployed in their search for jobs and a better future.

In 2010, Auburn University’s Center for Governmental Services partnered with APLS and selected public libraries for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grants. More than 1,000 computers were distributed and set up in over 100 public libraries in 2011. The IT staff of APLS was responsible for the installation of the new computers. The computers were a much-needed boost to keep our libraries on the cutting edge.

Even though 2010-2011 has been a year of monetary cutbacks, services provided by APLS have not be reduced. Our goal at APLS remains: service to the public libraries of the state, service to the state’s elected officials and employees and service to those individuals that have special needs. Library services during downturns in the economy are more important than ever to our communities and the growth of our state.

## Financial Report

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) has two main funding streams; the Education Trust Fund (ETF) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The ETF suffered three percent proration during fiscal year 2011 (FY11). However, the Alabama Public Library Service was able to maintain state aid to public libraries and absorb the three percent cuts in the agency’s operating budget. The total budget for the agency in FY11 was \$9,856,710. Of this amount \$6,522,640 was spent to directly benefit the public libraries of the state, which is about 66% of the agency’s total budget. Over half of the agency’s budget went directly to Alabama public libraries through grants as shown below:

### Grants to Public Libraries:

State Aid Grants from the ETF	\$4,159,397
LSTA Federal Grants*	\$1,291,178
<b>Total Grant Funds to Libraries</b>	<b>\$5,450,575</b>

\* APLS was able to give an extra \$31,200 in federal grant funds to help those libraries affected by the April 2011 tornadoes. This total is included in the LSTA Federal Grant amount shown above.



**Heather Oates, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer**

Other major expenses that directly benefited Alabama public libraries are HomeworkAlabama.org, OCLC (cataloging database), Learning Express Library, and Encyclopedia Britannica Global Reference Center. HomeworkAlabama.org is a virtual lab and is free to all Alabama residents, providing homework help and tutoring services for students from K3 to adult. The cost for these services is \$539,600. APLS spends another \$396,649 to provide standard cataloging records to all Alabama public libraries. The Learning Express Library database provides preparation tests for children and adults in their Learning Centers and costs APLS \$120,816 per year. Practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information needed to achieve individual goals - at school, at work, or in life - are all offered. APLS also provides funding for Encyclopedia Britannica Global Reference Center at a cost of \$15,000. The Encyclopedia Britannica Global Reference Center is an extensive collection of foreign language content in Spanish, Japanese, simplified Chinese, and French. These databases, services, and aids help Alabama public libraries provide services to all of Alabama’s residents. The services provided by APLS supports Alabama public libraries with access to information and technology for work-force development, continuing education, and research for all Alabama residents.

*There is no price too high when it comes to the education of Alabama’s present and future.*

# CIO Report

## **“Nutrimentum Spiritus” (Food for the Soul)**

~Berlin Royal Library, inscription~

Wow, what an exciting year we have had in FY2011! We saw the political and physical landscape of Alabama change in ways few would have foretold. Many of our public libraries have seen their landscapes change by the way of shiny new computers, installed by our APLS IT staff and provided via our partnership with the Auburn University’s federal Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant.

The APLS IT staff has increased services to our public libraries by adopting some wonderful open source products like Evergreen and Drupal. FY2011 has seen our first full year running our own version of the Evergreen cataloging system, developed wholly in-house by the APLS IT staff. We have experienced greater success and flexibility with our distribution of Evergreen and we have now begun the migration of some of our libraries to this new system. We are striving to get as many of our libraries onto this new system as possible, which in turn will create an even greater cost savings to our State and our public libraries.

APLS is continuing to develop and host our public libraries’ websites at no cost to them. We migrated our development process from Dreamweaver to an open source product named Drupal. This migration has allowed for an even greater web experience for your patrons and staff, at a cost savings of nearly \$100,000 per year. As we continue to face an ever-increasing flood of technology into our libraries, these new tools and the expertise of the APLS IT staff will continue to strive for technology excellence so that our libraries stay on the cutting edge of tomorrow’s technology.

Someone asked me this past year if we still had books in our libraries? And isn’t everything digital these days? I was taken aback by the question at the time. “Of course we still have books in the library”, I said. “We will always have books to read in our libraries, and they are available to everyone, because not everyone has a computer or the latest greatest e-reader.” However, I can see how perceptions of our wonderful libraries can change due to the advertising blitzkrieg we all experience daily from today’s technology companies. Advanced technology is a great tool and we should embrace it as such, tools that we all rely on to a greater extent each day. However, a tool cannot replace the experience of visiting a library, where great thinkers and wonderful discoveries from the past come alive with every turn of the page.

Carl Sagan said it best in one of his finest literary works, COSMOS: (Which can be found at your local public library)  
“The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.”

— *Cosmos*  
Carl Sagan



**Kevin Goff**  
**Chief Information Officer**

I look forward to an exciting new year for our libraries, a year where insanely great possibilities await us all at the Free Public Library.

Kevin

# APLS LSTA FIVE-YEAR PLAN EVALUATION

The Alabama Public Library Service Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan expires on September 30, 2012 and is currently being evaluated and updated. APLS contracted with the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) to perform an evaluation of the results of the agency's five-year plan in preparation for submitting an FY2008-2012 plan evaluation report and a new FY2013-2017 plan to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). APLS must have an approved five-year plan on file with IMLS in order to receive Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funds. In an attempt to get feedback from a broad audience of library staff, library trustees, and the general public, seven town hall meetings were held around the state.

DATE:	LOCATION:
June 9, 2011	Enterprise Public Library
June 10, 2011	APLS
June 20, 2011	Boaz Public Library
June 21, 2011	Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
July 18, 2011	Hoover Public Library
July 19, 2011	Demopolis Public Library
July 22, 2011	Daphne Public Library

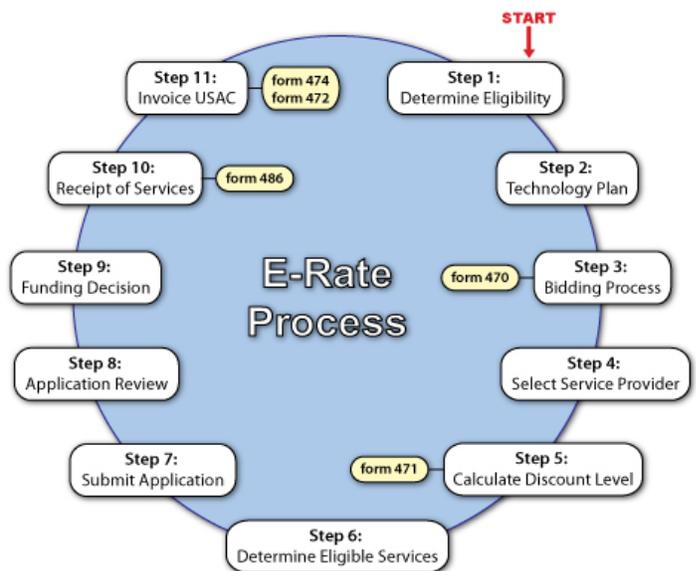
At each meeting, Drs. Elizabeth Aversa and Jennifer Campbell-Meier from the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies led three exercises to record attendees' input. Attendees had the opportunity to record how they view Alabama public libraries, what direction they think libraries are headed, and any critical political, social, or economic events that could possibly impact library planning in the future. Participants then broke off into smaller groups to brainstorm different library issues and needs.

APLS will compile the results of the evaluation process into a report and submit the report to IMLS in March 2012. The new APLS FY2013-2017 plan will be submitted in June 2012. SLIS had also supervised the evaluation of the APLS FY2003-2007 plan in 2006.



## *Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund ("E-Rate")*

E-Rate provides discounts to schools and libraries within the United States and territories for telecommunications and Internet access in order to make these services more affordable. The program is funded at up to \$2.25 billion per year by contributions from telecommunications service providers and is administered by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), a non-profit corporation overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).



Discounts ranging from 20% to 90% are available in four categories of service (telecommunications, Internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections) and are based on the percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Libraries and schools in low-income urban communities and rural areas qualify for the highest discounts to assure that every American, regardless of age, income, or location has access to the essential tools of the Information Age. Alabama public libraries received nearly \$1 million in discounts in 2011. Approximately one-half of the libraries received discounts of 80% to 90%.

# PROJECT COMPASS LIBRARIES LEAD THE WORKFORCE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

As Alabama's Governor Robert Bentley called to put Alabamians back to work, the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) was already preparing to meet this need. APLS had been asked to attend the workshop in Durham, NC called "Project Compass: Libraries Lead the Workforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". In February a couple of chosen representatives from eleven state library attended the workshop that was developed to "train the trainers", this provided education for the attendees to be able to go back to their state and educate librarians on how to meet the needs of our unemployed and underemployed. Alabama was chosen to participate because of the high unemployment in Alabama's Black Belt counties.

Through two grants from the *Institute of Museum and Library Services* (IMLS), WebJunction and the State Library of North Carolina (SLNC) launched Project Compass in support of public libraries' efforts to meet the urgent and growing needs of communities impacted by the economic downturn.

- In the first year, the project brought state library representatives together to consider how they could support statewide workforce recovery.
- The follow-on grant for Year Two is delivering training and curriculum materials to library staff on the frontlines of responding to the needs of the un- and under-employed.

Attendees of the workshop were required to present a PowerPoint showing the programs already being provided by libraries in their state and an overview of the counties with highest unemployment in their state. This offered the other attendees an overview of the magnitude of unemployment issues the states were confronted with during this economic downturn. The three-day workshop provided useful tools to take back to the state and educate their librarians and staff on how to help their community during this tough time.

On July 21, 2011 APLS presented a workshop to train and educate Alabama's public libraries on how they could assist their users. More than 150 librarians from Alabama gathered in Montgomery for the Project Compass: Workforce Recovery Workshop. Through dialogues, presentations, and activities our librarians learned they were not alone in the increased needs of their library users. The library users are seeking help to file for unemployment, apply for jobs, learn to use a computer, how to write a resume, how to look for a job, etc... The attendees participating in this program took

back the tools needed for the program and a better understanding on how to meet the needs of their communities. This program provided insight, to the changing needs of our workforce and how as librarians we too must change to meet these needs. Also in the training were partnering State agencies discussing how and what services they could provide to help library users and the community.

Participants gained knowledge of the importance of providing Internet access and computers for their users during this economic crisis. Many Alabamians have had to cut their expenditures to meet the necessities for their household; Internet is a service they cut. Alabama public libraries strive to provide services to meet the needs of the users. Our public libraries have felt the economic strains due to budget cuts, whether city, state, or federal. Libraries continue to work to provide the services their communities needs.

## Providing Direction in Tough Times

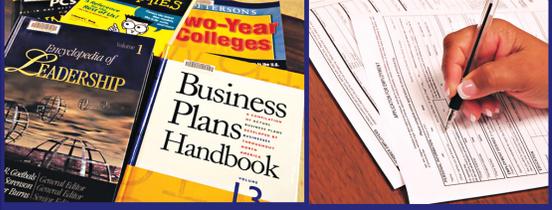
### Connecting Alabamians to Workforce Recovery Resources



ALABAMA  
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"Libraries do not stand outside of the economic downturn"





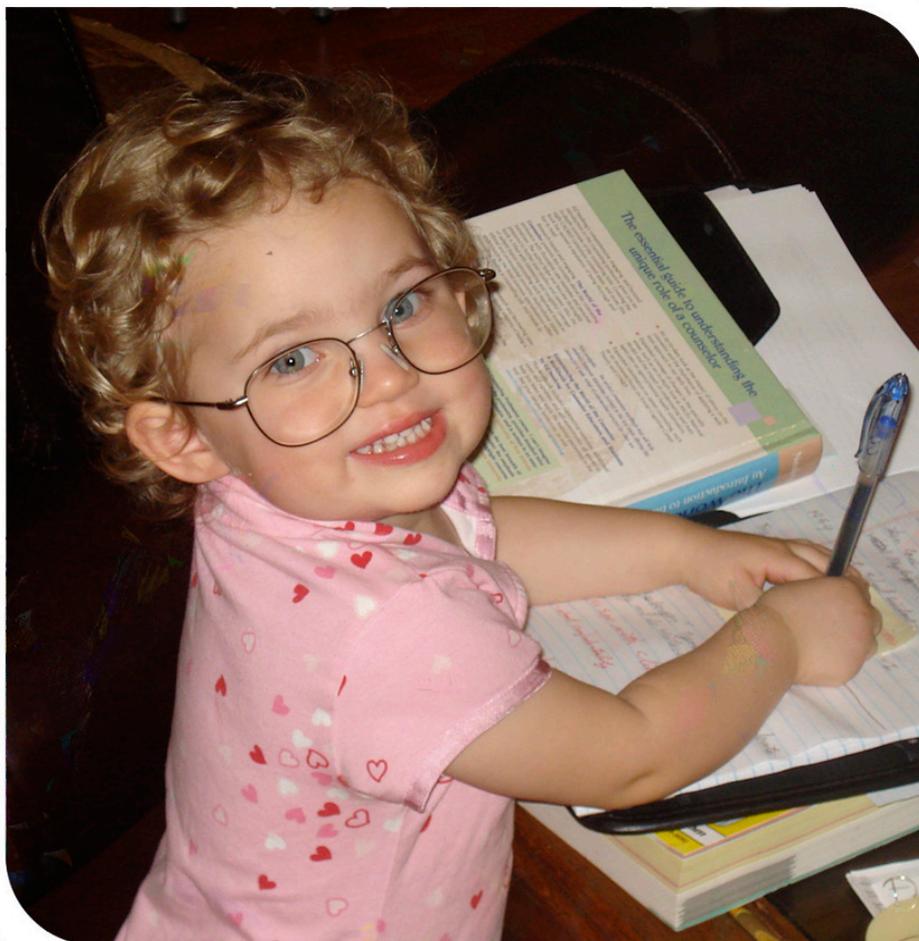
ALABAMA LIBRARIES LEAD  
THE WORKFORCE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

- ◆ Partnerships with local workforce agencies ◆
- ◆ Training for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills ◆
- ◆ Providing online workforce resources ◆
- ◆ Financial Education ◆ Making Referrals ◆



# HomeworkAlabama.org

HomeworkAlabama.org is a statewide effort made possible by Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and state funds appropriated by the State Legislature specifically for this program. Service hours are Sunday-Thursday from 3pm until 10pm. The service provides free tutoring in Math, Science, Social Studies and English for Grades K3-12, College Intro and Adult Learner. Due to the economic downturn we also provide a Skills-Center Resource Library available 24/7 through HomeworkAlabama.org. This virtual library has three main parts: Homework Resources, Test Prep Resources and Career Resources. The Homework Resources section contains thousands of lessons, worksheets, study guides and videos.



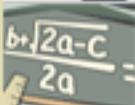
The Test Prep Resources section helps prepare students for the SAT, ACT, standardized test and graduate school entrance tests. This section also prepares adults for GED and civil service tests. The Career Resources section provides adults with access to local open jobs, resume and cover letter templates, interview guidelines, and both computer and financial literacy. Access to the site can be acquired from all public libraries as well as from any Internet accessible computer. There is also a downloadable app for your smart phone.

You've got homework.  
We've got help.

Free help online from real tutors.

# LearningExpress Library

LearningExpress Library's resources are available to all Alabama residents. This virtual library is made up of several Learning Centers. Each center offers practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, e-Books, and other resources that patrons may need to achieve the results they need at school, work, or in life. Some of the centers provide student-focused practice, diagnostic and preparation areas with emphasis on Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College Students and College Preparation. The other learning centers are adult-focused in scope, such as GED Preparation, Job Search and Workplace Skills, Jobs and Careers, Skill Building for Adults, United States Citizenship and Recursos para Hispanohablantes. Offering these resources 24/7 is beneficial to our state's continuing economic recovery and lifelong learning for our great state.

Students		Elementary School
		Middle School
		High School
		College Preparation
		College Students
		Popular Software Tutorial
		GED Preparation
		Job Search & Workplace Skills
		Jobs & Careers
		Skill Building for Adults
	U.S. Citizenship	

# Britannica Global Reference Center

The Britannica Global Reference Center is now available on Alabama Public Library Service's website under the Resources and Research Links page. This extensive collection of Encyclopedia Britannica's foreign language content offers information in Spanish, Japanese, simplified Chinese, and French. It is an extraordinary tool that is beneficial for patrons interested in information written in their native language and for those who are learning to speak one of these languages. With our continuing growing auto industries in Alabama, this is a great resource for our state's growing diversity. Each database is easy to navigate and contains thousands of articles, photos, graphics, multimedia items, and maps.

## Summary of databases available through Alabama Public Library Service

HomeworkAlabama.org, LearningExpress Library and the Britannica Global Reference Center help provide Alabama libraries and our residents, resources they need most. Students are able to find help with school problems and test preparation, while adults find job and workforce recovery tools that they seek. Together these resources make our Alabama Libraries an integral part of education, lifelong learning and communities.

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# SNAPSHOT DAY

*One day in the life of  
Alabama Public Libraries...*



Snapshot Day Alabama, a statewide campaign, purposed to show the importance of public libraries, took place on September 27, 2011. To celebrate how Alabama public libraries are essential to their patrons and communities, the Alabama Public Library Service provided a toolkit for libraries to collect statistics, comments, and pictures. This initiative captured the positive impact libraries make in their communities each and every day.



*Jefferson County*



*Adamsville*



*Troy*



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Snapshot Day  
(September 27, 2011)

Statistics:

- Visitors: 43,992
- Reference Questions Answered: 11,127
- Computer Usage: 11,322
- Adult Program Attendance: 563
- Juvenile Program Attendance: 1,587



*Montgomery*



*Washington County*

# Summer Reading Program

## One World, Many Stories



Each year Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) holds a Summer Reading Kick off for Alabama public libraries' children, teen and adult program coordinators. APLS was honored to have Alabama's First Lady Dianne Bentley as our keynote speaker.



*First Lady Dianne Bentley*



*Bay Minette*



*Oxford*



*Ashland*



Prattville



Hoover



Chambers County



Rainbow City

Summer Reading Programs across the state are highly anticipated by children, teens and adults. Alabama libraries turned the world culture theme into a fun, creative experience for communities all over the state. The specific slogans of One World, Many Stories (children), You Are Here (teen), and Novel Destinations (adult) gave each age group a personalized experience.



Washington County

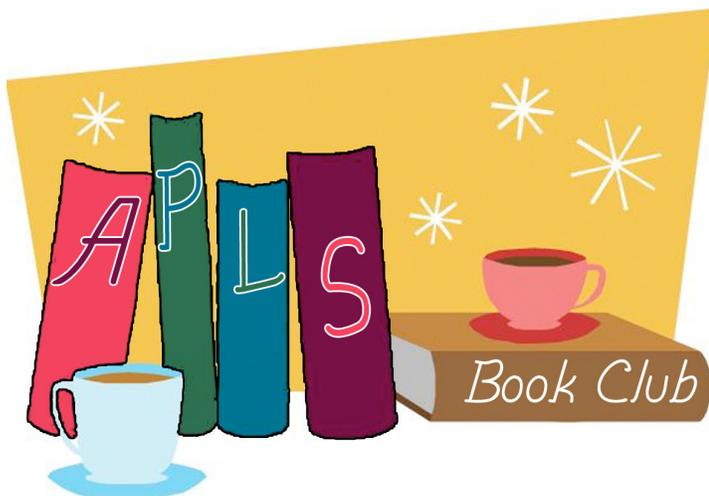
*2011 Summer Reading Program Statistics:*

- ❖ 33,235 received reading certificates at the end of the summer
- ❖ Approximately 1,429,117 books were read
- ❖ 262,510 participants attended 5,380 program events
- ❖ Approximately 620,000 summer reading/children and youth services reading materials and manuals were distributed to support the programs at the public libraries.



# APLS BOOK CLUB

In 2009, APLS began receiving book sets (8 to 10 copies each) as a feature of the American Library Association membership. These titles had previously been featured on Oprah's *Book Club*. After 10 titles were collected, APLS began sharing these sets with public library book clubs at an average of three (3) sets each month.



As the popularity of local book clubs has grown so has the APLS Book Club special collection. From its meager beginning the collection has expanded to over 100 title sets, composed of 5 to 10 copies each. Many of these subsequent sets have been graciously donated by local public library book clubs as they finish one title and move on to the next.

In order to borrow a Book Club set, a library need only call or email the APLS reference department. The titles are listed in the APLS online catalog under *Book Club* or standard title search. An Excel spreadsheet of titles and the number of books in each set is updated monthly and can be obtained electronically via email by request from the reference department.



### Award Winning Libraries

Three of Alabama's public libraries received national rankings in 2010 and 2011. The Birmingham Public Library, Flomaton Public Library, and Rogersville Public Library were selected as Library Journal "Star Libraries" in 2010; the Flomaton Public Library and Rogersville Public Library were selected as "Star Libraries" in 2011.

# Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH)

## *A Time of Transition*

Fiscal year 2011 was a time of transition at the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH). Fara Zaleski retired at the end of April, after spending most of her 25 years at APLS as Regional Librarian. She was replaced on May 1 by Ruth Evans, who had briefly worked in that position during the summer of 2010, having spent most of her career as an APLS technical services librarian.

The transition from the production of talking books on cassette to digital talking books was completed in the spring, when BPH received the last cassette title from the National Library Service (NLS). However, patrons continued to check out more cassette titles than digital titles because there were so many more books available on cassette than in the digital format. The use of the NLS BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) program grew for patrons with computers and high-speed Internet, allowing 24-hour access to downloadable books which patrons loaded onto flash drives or blank cartridges.

In the late summer another transition began, as a decision was made, due to budget constraints, by Dothan's Houston-Love Memorial Library board to close its BPH subregional library. Regional Library staff began working with the Dothan subregional on the transfer of patrons and materials to Montgomery, with the transition to be completed early in the next fiscal year.

## *Circulation*

In FY11, BPH circulated 144,206 special format volumes to 6,345 patrons and 226 institutions—93,052 recorded cassettes, 50,145 digital books, and 1,009 Braille items were sent, averaging over 12,000 volumes mailed per month. In addition, 858 interlibrary loans were provided

to subregional library patrons. There were 1,952 cassette book machines and 2,412 digital book machines shipped to patrons.

BPH continued its two service contracts, one with the Utah State Library for Braille circulation and the other with the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) for circulation of descriptive videos. In turn, BPH supplied MLC with older cassette titles for their 678 active patrons, sending them 5,836 cassette volumes. MLC continued to circulate their descriptive videos to Alabama patrons at no cost.



## *Volunteers*

During the year BPH had 9 volunteers, who donated 569 hours of service to the library. We were left with only one Telephone Pioneer to assist with machine repair, so more machines than in recent years had to be shipped to South Dakota to be fixed. The Pioneer group in Birmingham worked on machines for the Talladega Subregional Library. In the spring, personnel from Maxwell-Gunter AFB volunteered their services for the mailing of WhAT's Line, attaching mailing labels to around 4,500 copies in just two hours.

## *National Library Service (NLS)*

In October, our newest reader advisor attended NLS orientation in Washington, D.C. and the new BPH Regional Librarian was able to attend the orientation in June. The training provided an excellent overview of NLS services, and an equipment repair workshop was offered with the summer session.

NLS Consultant Vickie Collins prepared a status update on her biennial visit during the previous fiscal year. She was pleased with the distribution of digital players and with the transfer of responsibility for the administration and basic technical support of BARD to BPH. She stressed that the OPAC be implemented so that patrons can have independent access to Alabama's collection of special format materials.

## *Subregional Libraries*

Contact, by site visits or phone calls, was made with each subregional library. Teresa Lacy and Bobby Lipscomb remained at Talladega and Huntsville respectively. Emily Myers at Dothan served her patrons throughout FY11 and helped to plan the closing of the subregional.

## *Public Relations*

Thanks to the BPH Consumer Advisory Committee, funds were expended for the purchase of blank digital cartridges, computer cables, and digital mailing containers to use for in-house downloads for patrons. A pilot program, *Download Alabama*, was begun near the fiscal year's end, thanks to the committee's purchases and to Ms. Mitchell's support of the program. Patrons without computers and/or Internet access and patrons unable to understand the BARD download process qualified for the program, which allows up to 10 titles to be copied onto a cartridge.

The WhAT's Line newsletter was published on a quarterly basis, keeping patrons informed about NLS programs, staff changes, and newsworthy information for visually handicapped persons.



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# LIBRARY SERVICES

APLS-funded statewide reference databases: An amount of \$675,416 for Encyclopedia Britannica Global Reference, HomeworkAlabama, and Learning Express Library

Bibliostat Collect: \$12,775

[Each public library is required to submit an annual statistical report to APLS in order to be eligible to receive State Aid. Bibliostat is the database used by the libraries to input and submit their reports.]

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award: \$2,790,297, an increase of \$58,994 over the previous year.

APLS LSTA Grant Awards: Approximately \$1,291,178 in grants to state public libraries for FY2011. Grants were given in six main categories:

Children at Risk - \$60,000  
Collection Development - \$439,921  
Difficulty Using a Library - \$20,000  
Library Technology - \$1,190,261  
Lifelong Learning - \$60,000  
Professional Training - \$26,400

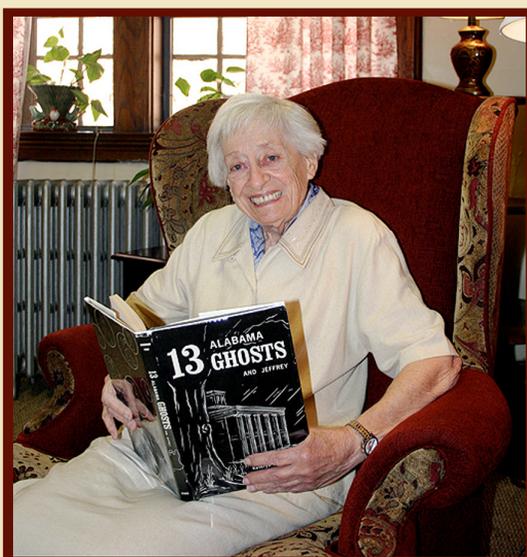
State of Alabama Resource Sharing (STARS) and OCLC FirstSearch access: \$396,649

[Using STARS (Alabama's union catalog) and FirstSearch enables public libraries to perform interlibrary loan (ILL) and cataloging tasks more efficiently.]

An excess of \$2.3 million of the LSTA grant award was spent either in direct grants or statewide support projects for the state public libraries

State Aid: \$4,159,397 (89 cents per capita), same as FY2010

## *Kathryn Tucker Windham* *"Alabama's Story Teller"*



*June 1918 - June 2011*

# APLS Information Technology

The Alabama Public Library Service Information Technology Department has had a very busy year. Some of the major projects our IT staff has undertaken this past year are:

Our development of a customized tracking system that has allowed us to track and calculate what our “no cost services” saved our public libraries in private vendors charges.



The IT staff, Circuit Rider program, provided at an industry rate of \$150.00 per hour, a savings of just over \$545,000 to our public libraries in FY2011 for help desk and onsite IT services.

APLS partnered with Auburn University to provide installation and technical services for the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (BTOP). As a result of our partnership, we were able to install over 1,000 new computers in our public libraries.

APLS expanded our web design and hosting services for the public libraries, allowing many of our libraries to have a web presence. They would not otherwise have had the funds to sustain a web presence without this free service.

APLS developed and implemented several cost-saving Opensource systems allowing us to provide highly advanced and customizable new programs and services both in-house and to our public Libraries.

In FY2011, APLS began the arduous task of building an online document storage system that will allow our critical and sensitive agency documents to be stored digitally.

This has allowed greater access to these documents, without the need to retrieve them from our secure physical storage location, while maintaining the integrity of the original files and documents.

We have many great things coming our way in FY2012, including the expansion of our state-of-the-art videoconferencing system, that will enable public library staff to dial into a live or on-demand videoconferencing session. This will result in even greater cost savings for our public libraries by reducing travel expenses.

The screenshot shows the 'EVERGREEN' search interface. A search for 'Edgar Allen Poe' has been performed, displaying a record summary for 'The best poems of the English language' by Bloom, Harold. The record includes details such as ISBN (0060540419), edition (1st ed.), publication date (c2004), publisher (HarperCollins), and physical description (print xxviii, 972 p. ; 25 cm.). The format is listed as 'text'. The subjects are 'English poetry.' and 'American poetry.'.

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Navigation options include 'Copy Summary', 'Shelf Browser', and 'MARC Record'. The interface also shows 'You are now browsing' and 'Previous Page' links.

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# Disaster Planning



Alabama public libraries must meet a set of standard requirements to qualify for State Aid. The newest addition to these requirements in Alabama is to have a plan to deal with potential emergencies and disasters. Each public library was requested to submit a copy

of their emergency and disaster plan to the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) in June 2011. They were given a template to fill in for the emergencies and disasters their area may experience. To date, all our libraries have submitted their plans to the APLS.

While we cannot be prepared for every disaster, having a written plan in place is a good start. The severe tornadoes that struck the state in April 2011 illustrated the need for disaster planning. The storm destroyed three public libraries and badly damaged a fourth. The three that were destroyed were the Pratt City Branch of the Birmingham Public Library in Jefferson County, the Cordova Public Library in Walker County, and the Ragland Public Library in St. Clair County. The White Hall Public Library in Lowndes County had its roof blown-off. The disaster plan requirement was better understood after these devastating tornadoes.

To help libraries prepare their plans, APLS staff developed a sample disaster plan that is accessible on the agency's website. Also staff prepared a disaster-planning workbook that was used in workshops for library administrators held at eight locations around the state in April and May 2011. Ironically, APLS was starting the workshops the week of the April tornadoes. By completing the required information in the workbook, a library could develop a basic plan.

In the workbook APLS encouraged libraries to include procedures to cover at least these major risks: (1) fire and smoke, (2) hurricane--for the southern half of the state, (3) medical, (4) tornado, and (5) water leak or flooding. In addition there were blanks for emergency response services and for key library personnel. The workbook also included procedures for dealing with library materials and equipment, a safety policy, a policy for inventory control and insurance acquisition, and a citizen aid policy.

APLS staff will continue to provide information about disaster planning to keep library administrators abreast of new developments.

## Tornadoes Strike Alabama Libraries



When the devastating tornadoes hit on April 15, 2011 and April 27, 2011, the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) was on alert to see what had happened to our libraries. E-mails were sent the night of the storms asking for responses so we could begin our list of spared, damaged, or destroyed locations. The April 15th status showed library buildings not severely damaged, but library staff's home or family's homes were destroyed. Nothing could prepare us for the severity of those storms that marched across the State on Wednesday, April 27th. Again, we sent out e-mails requesting reports of damage. On Thursday morning, APLS set up our own "WAR ROOM", where as we got information we could mark the status of an area and anticipated damage. With a gathered list of libraries and phone numbers in hand, APLS staff made calls to all Alabama's public libraries and city offices to begin to create an official status of our public libraries.

Thursday, April 28th brought new perspective of the damage tornadoes could disclose. While phone calls were being made, several APLS staff members began the first of several trips to assist those damaged libraries. White Hall Public Library in Lowndes County was the first stop to receive assistance. The library had damage losing half of the roof on their building. APLS staff helped secure and box up the materials that could be salvaged.

On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, APLS Director Rebecca Mitchell and several staff members loaded APLS vehicles with supplies to assist Birmingham Public Library's (BPL) Pratt City branch location. The branch had taken a direct hit from a tornado and APLS staff went right to work in the center of the destruction, helping to salvage the 22,000 books and items from the library. This was an unimaginable experience for the staff, community, and State.

The following week several APLS staff members went to the Tuscaloosa Public Library to man the reference and circulation desks so that library staff could oversee repairs to their homes that had been damaged. The City of Tuscaloosa was devastated by the tornadoes but the library received no damage to their facility and became a relief center for persons whose homes were destroyed or damaged by the tornadoes. APLS staff was able to provide a few days of relief and helped to manage the FEMA computer lab that was set up in a meeting room to further aid the victims.

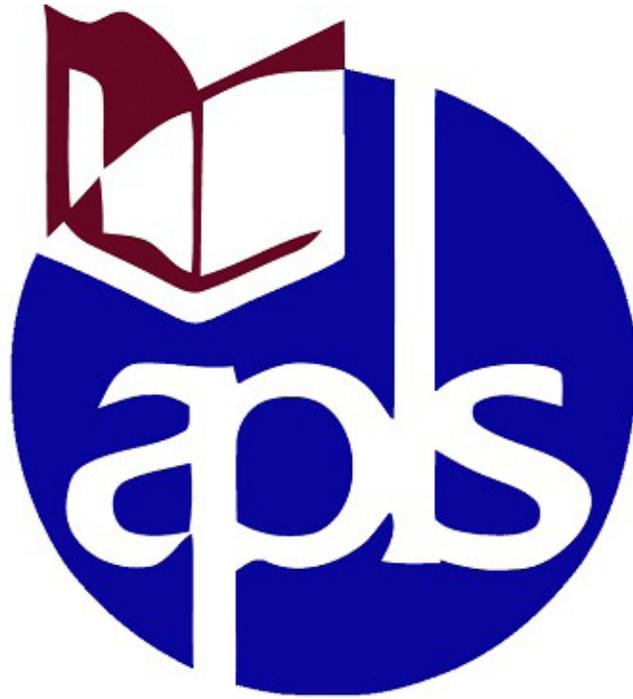
Two of Alabama's public libraries were completely destroyed on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Cordova Public Library in Walker County was hit by not one but two tornadoes that day. As a result of the storm damage, the town officials and the regional library system determined that rebuilding the library was not feasible. The town's patrons now receive library services from nearby Jasper Public Library.

Ragland Public Library in St. Clair County was also a total loss but plans are underway to rebuild. The library reopened in a temporary new home in mid-summer. APLS staff delivered shelving and helped library staff get ready for reopening before the start of the school year.

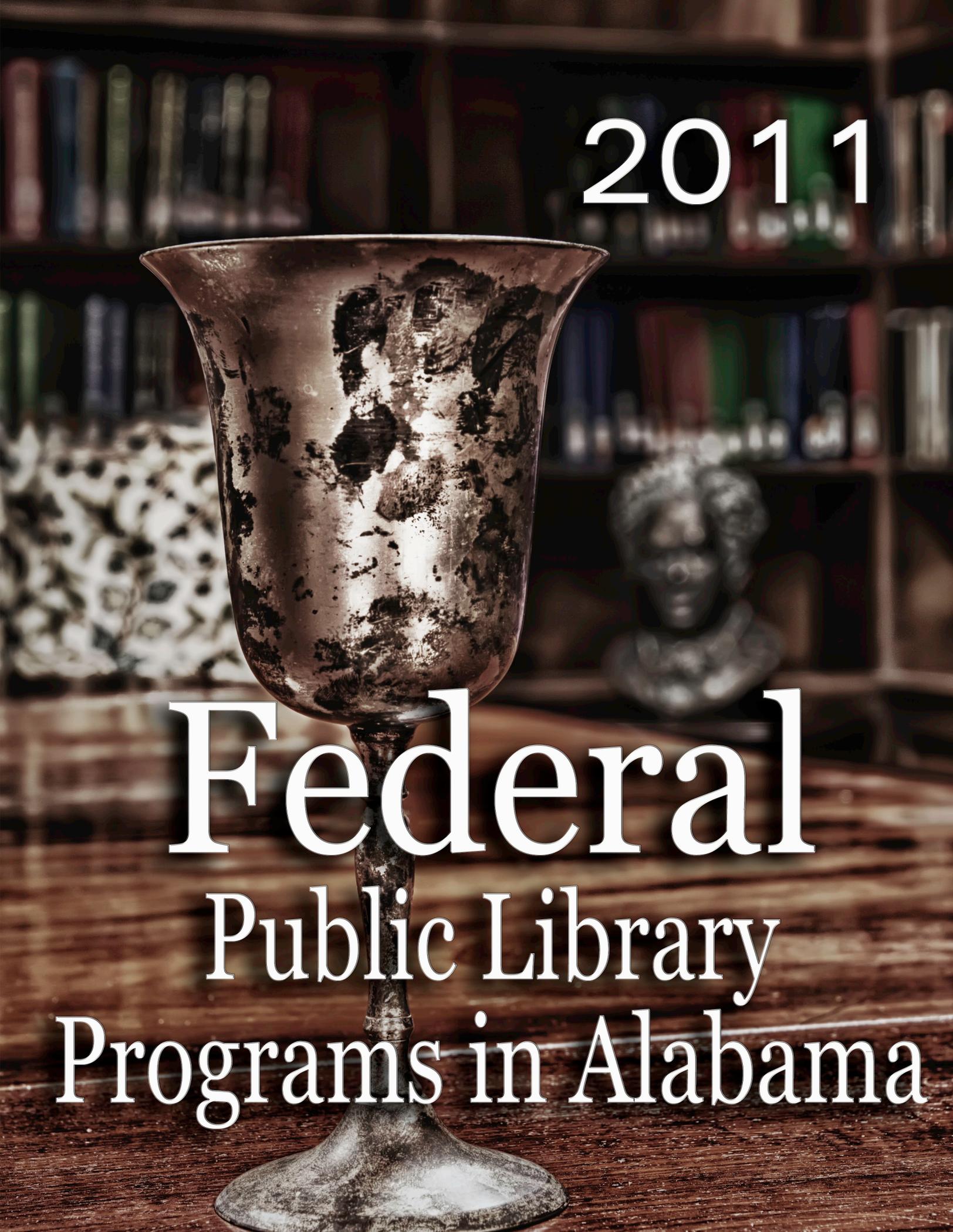
Libraries play an important part in recovery of a natural disaster by opening their doors as soon as they are able allowing users to recharge their cell phones, to gain Internet access, to start applying for FEMA, to contact family members, and providing general support and hand holding to help victims regain a sense of normalcy. In early 2011, FEMA changed its policy to include public libraries in their list of eligible relocation facilities which would allow them

to receive funds under the FEMA Public Assistance Program to relocate in order to continue services to the community in the event of an emergency. In the past, the list of eligible facilities had been limited to police, fire protection/emergency services, medical care, education, and utilities. This was a monumental acknowledgement that public libraries are *essential* community organizations.





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SERVICE

A silver chalice with a wide, flared bowl and a slender stem, resting on a wooden surface. The chalice is highly reflective and shows signs of age and use, with dark smudges and scratches across its surface. In the background, a bookshelf filled with books is visible, slightly out of focus. A bust of a person's head is also visible on a shelf behind the chalice. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the chalice.

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# LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT



## (LSTA)

The Library Services Act (LSA) was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Montgomery in 1946. The LSA was signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 19, 1956 and was to remain in effect until June 30, 1961 making it the first federal legislation for public libraries. It was designed to improve the library services in rural areas. The first allotment from Congress was \$2 million with each state receiving \$40,000. Congressman Carl Elliott of Jasper was the major supporter in the House for the extension of the LSA. The LSA became the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) in 1964 and was to remain in effect until June 30, 1966. The LSCA became the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in 1996 and remains that today.



## PURPOSES:

*The priorities of the LSTA are as follows:*

1. Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages;
2. Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks;
3. Providing electronic and other linkages among and between all types of libraries;
4. Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
5. Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills; and
6. Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with 42 USC Sec. 9902 (2) applicable to a family of the size involved.

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) provides direct and statewide grants to Alabama libraries with the assistance of the LSTA allotment we receive each year. Grants are only awarded after a satisfactory application showing need and are contingent on available Federal funds. The LSTA is a categorical grant and is permissive legislation in that it does not define the specific actions that must be taken in order to fulfill this mandate. In order to receive allotments from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the funding authority of LSTA funds, we must have a current five-year plan that has been approved by IMLS that corresponds with the LSTA priorities listed above. Our plan was revised and approved in 2007 and goes through September 30, 2012.

The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY2010 was \$2,731,303. The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY2011 was \$2,790,297, resulting in an increase of \$58,994.

Here are the FY2011 competitive grant amounts and FY2011 year-end grant amounts awarded to libraries. Each category is broken down by Congressional District:

- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA children at risk grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: N/A
  - Congressional District 2: \$20,000\*\* (1 library)
  - Congressional District 3: \$20,000\*\* (1 library)
  - Congressional District 4: \$20,000 (1 library)
  - Congressional District 5: N/A
  - Congressional District 6: N/A
  - Congressional District 7: N/A
  
- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA collection development grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: \$28,750\*\* (5 libraries)
  - Congressional District 2: \$46,946 (8 libraries)
  - Congressional District 3: \$21,000 (3 libraries)
  - Congressional District 4: \$163,800\*\* (31 libraries)
  - Congressional District 5: \$38,600\*\* (6 libraries)
  - Congressional District 6: \$97,200\*\* (13 libraries)
  - Congressional District 7: \$43,625\*\* (6 libraries)
  
- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA difficulty using a library grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: N/A
  - Congressional District 2: N/A
  - Congressional District 3: \$20,000 (1 library)
  - Congressional District 4: N/A
  - Congressional District 5: N/A
  - Congressional District 6: N/A
  - Congressional District 7: N/A

- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA library technology grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: \$213,522\*\* (9 libraries)
  - Congressional District 2: \$66,680 (5 libraries)
  - Congressional District 3: \$54,200\*\* (3 libraries)
  - Congressional District 4: \$65,399\*\* (4 libraries)
  - Congressional District 5: \$160,632\*\* (8 libraries)
  - Congressional District 6: \$260,435\*\* (6 libraries)
  - Congressional District 7: \$369,393\*\* (11 libraries)
  
- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA lifelong learning grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: N/A
  - Congressional District 2: N/A
  - Congressional District 3: \$10,000 (1 library)
  - Congressional District 4: \$35,000\*\* (2 libraries)
  - Congressional District 5: N/A
  - Congressional District 6: \$15,000\*\* (1 library)
  - Congressional District 7: N/A
  
- APLS awarded FY2011 LSTA professional training grants to public libraries as follows:
  - Congressional District 1: \$9,600\*\* (4 libraries)
  - Congressional District 2: N/A
  - Congressional District 3: \$2,400 (1 library)
  - Congressional District 4: \$4,800 (2 libraries)
  - Congressional District 5: \$4,800 (2 libraries)
  - Congressional District 6: \$2,400 (1 library)
  - Congressional District 7: \$2,400\*\* (1 library)

\*\* Reflects library service areas in two districts. Grants reported in both districts.

APLS provided an excess of \$1.2 million in statewide projects in the following areas:

- Acquisition and utilization of materials for reference and interlibrary loan (ILL) purposes to Alabama public libraries, Alabama State Employees, and Alabama citizens.
- Blind and Physically Handicapped services to eligible Alabama citizens.
- Library development services to Alabama public libraries in the form of consultations (phone, email, on-site), technical electronic support (phone, email, on-site), and reference assistance (phone, email, on-site workshops).
- Statewide databases (i.e., Encyclopedia Britannica Global Reference, FirstSearch, HomeworkAlabama, Learning Express, and STARS)
- Statistics assistance for completing the online annual statistics report that is required in order to receive State Aid.
- Summer library program materials distribution to Alabama public libraries for dispersal at public library summer programs.

## FY2011 Alabama Members of Congress



Senator  
Richard Shelby



Senator  
Jeff Sessions

## District One



**JO BONNER**

District One includes the following counties: Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington.

### *District One FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Atmore Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$3,599
Baldwin County Library Cooperative (Robertsdale)	Collection Development	\$2,500
Baldwin County Library Cooperative (Robertsdale)	Professional Training	\$2,400
Bay Minette Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Daphne Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Fairhope Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Flomaton Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$15,000
Grove Hill Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$8,633
Mobile Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Mount Vernon Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Orange Beach Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,250
Satsuma Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$15,000
Thomas B. Norton Public Library (Gulf Shores)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$4,920
Thomas B. Norton Public Library (Gulf Shores)	Professional Training	\$2,400
Thomasville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Thomasville Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Library Technology and Automation	\$37,600
White Smith Public Library (Jackson)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$8,770

## District Two



**MARTHA ROBY**

District Two includes the following counties: Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery (portion), and Pike.

### *District Two FY2011 Projects*

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Ariton-Dot Laney Memorial Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
Autauga-Prattville Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$17,500
Daleville Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$14,256
Elba Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$2,250
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library (Geneva)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Collection Development	\$9,280
Floralda Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Hayneville/Lowndes County Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$3,525
Houston-Love Memorial Library (Dothan)	Collection Development	\$10,000
McGregor-McKinney Public Library (Hartford)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$11,399
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000
Ozark-Dale County Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$20,000
Town and County Library (Clayton)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
White Hall Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000

## District Three



**MICHAEL ROGERS**

District Three includes the following counties: Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa (portion), Lee, Macon, Montgomery (portion), Randolph, Russell, Talladega, and Tallapoosa.

### *District Three FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$35,200
Auburn Public Library	Cultural Diversity	\$20,000
B. B. Comer Memorial Library (Sylacauga)	Strengthening Communities	\$10,000
Cherokee County Public Library (Centre)	Professional Training	\$2,400
Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library (Childersburg)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$4,000
Jacksonville Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$15,000
Macon County-Tuskegee Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000
Ohatchee Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Phenix City-Russell County Library	Collection Development	\$4,000



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## District Four



**ROBERT ADERHOLT**

District Four includes the following counties: Blount, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Marion, Marshall, Morgan (portion), Pickens (portion), St. Clair (portion), Walker, and Winston.

### *District Four FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Ashville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Blountsville Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$14,334
Boaz Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library (Jasper)	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000
Carrollton Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Clyde Nix Public Library (Hamilton)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
Cullman County Public Library (Cullman)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Decatur Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$42,225
DeKalb County Public Library (Fort Payne)	Library Technology and Automation	\$3,840
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Eva Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Geraldine Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,500
Grant Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Guntersville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000

## *District Four FY2011 Projects*

**(continued)**

Mary Wallace Cobb Public Library (Vernon)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$500
MCHS Community Library (Guin)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Millport Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library (Winfield)	Collection Development	\$1,500
Odenville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Oneonta Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Oneonta Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Pell City Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$3,200
Pell City Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$15,000
Priceville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000
Rainsville Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$5,000
Rainsville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family (SLD)	\$5,000
Russellville Public Library	Collection Development	\$4,000
Springville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Steele Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Sulligent Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Sumiton Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Weatherford Public Library (Red Bay)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
William Bradford Huie Library (Hartselle)	Collection Development	\$5,000
Winfield Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,000

## District Five



### MO BROOKS

District Five includes the following counties: Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, and Morgan (portion).

### *District Five FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Athens-Limestone Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Decatur Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$42,225
Eva Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$24,000
Helen Keller Public Library (Tuscumbia)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Killen Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$4,800
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Library Technology and Automation	\$14,607
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Professional Training	\$2,400
Lena Cagle Public Library (Bridgeport)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Lexington Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$6,000
Muscle Shoals Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Priceville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Sheffield Public Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
William Bradford Huie Library (Hartselle)	Collection Development	\$5,000

## District Six



### SPENCER BACHUS

District Six includes the following counties: Bibb, Chilton, Coosa (portion), Jefferson (portion), Shelby, St. Clair (portion), and Tuscaloosa (portion).

### *District Six FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Albert L. Scott Library (Alabaster)	Collection Development	\$8,000
Ashville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Birmingham Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000
Birmingham Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Chilton-Clanton Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Clay Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Green Pond-Woodstock Public Library	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$4,762
Homewood Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$30,919
Hoover Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Library Technology and Automation	\$44,754
Odenville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Parnell Memorial Library (Montevallo)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$6,600
Pell City Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$3,200
Pell City Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$15,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000
Springville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Steele Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Trussville Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Vestavia Hills Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000

## District Seven



**TERRI A. SEWELL**

District Seven includes the following counties: Choctaw, Clarke (portion), Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson (portion), Marengo, Perry, Pickens (portion), Sumter, Tuscaloosa (portion), and Wilcox.

### *District Seven FY2011 Projects*

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Birmingham Public Library	Collection Development (year-end)	\$7,000
Birmingham Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
Carrollton Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Choctaw County Public Library (Butler)	Collection Development	\$5,625
Clay Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Demopolis Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$22,800
Grove Hill Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$8,633
Homewood Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$30,919
Hoover Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
James C. Poole Jr. Memorial Library (Eutaw)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$7,600
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Library Technology and Automation	\$44,754
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library (Livingston)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$5,917
Thomasville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Thomasville Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,400
Trussville Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Vestavia Hills Public Library	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000
White Smith Public Library (Jackson)	Library Technology and Automation (SLD)	\$8,770
Wilcox County Library (Camden)	Library Technology and Automation	\$60,000

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