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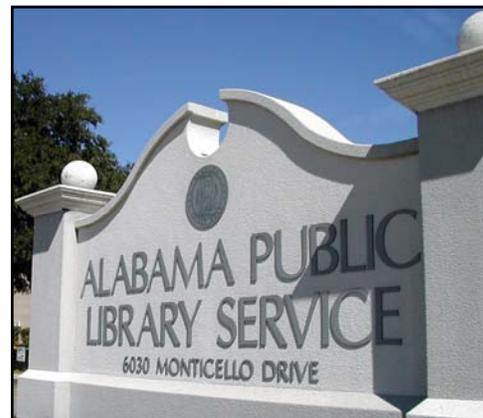
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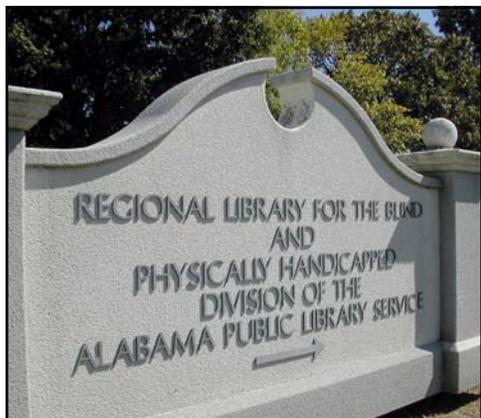
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The Alabama Public Library Service is a state library agency. APLS serves all citizens of Alabama, through more than 200 public libraries, and state employees, via onsite visits, telephone, fax, the Internet and the Alabama Virtual Library.

The seven-member executive board of the agency is appointed by the governor for five-year terms. Each member serves 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

The 2007-08 fiscal year brought new beginnings and improvements to libraries across Alabama, with more than \$6.8 million in state dollars going toward rebuilding and expansion efforts for public libraries.

Without these funds, public libraries would not have been in a position to provide their communities with their unique services, which are under ever-increasing demand. The biggest portion of the money — approximately \$5.8 million — came through the Alabama Public School and College Education Incentive Fund, the largest education bond issue in Alabama's history. The \$1.07 billion bond issue was the first school bond issue since 1998 specifically set aside for construction, and public libraries were named in the bill as being eligible to apply.



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The remaining \$1 million came from a special appropriation in the Alabama Public Library Service's budget for construction projects for public libraries. The construction funds assisted 79 public libraries in 44 of Alabama's 67 counties with various building projects for their individual libraries. These were unexpected funds; librarians felt that "Santa Claus" had come early.

The construction grants from APLS ranged from \$1,200 to renovate Atmore Public Library's hurricane damage to \$50,000 for Collinsville Public Library to move on to the second phase of their building project. Projects from the Alabama Public School and College Education Incentive Fund ranged in size from \$25,000 for Eufaula Public Library's roof to \$350,000 to assist Vestavia Hills in the building of a new library.

Also in 2007-08, Homework Alabama, a joint program of both federal LSTA funds and state funds, saw another record year of usage. During the school year, more than 62,267 free tutoring sessions were made available to Alabama's students. Those are remarkable numbers.

Homework Alabama is a project that was begun in July 2006 and has proven to be one of the most successful programs available through the public libraries. The tutoring is available at www.homeworkalabama.org on Sundays through Thursdays from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. Pupils include K3 through adult students in the areas of science, math, social studies and English.

With federal funds, APLS has also been able to provide World Book Encyclopedia, Novelist and Learning Express online to all Alabamians. More than \$1 million in individual competitive grants using LSTA funds were awarded to Alabama's public libraries from APLS. These funds aided in providing updated computers, software, books, DVDs, programs and educational opportunities to our public libraries.

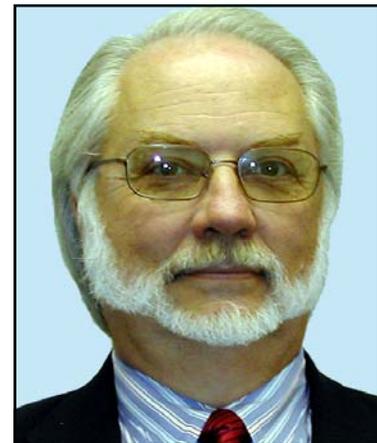


Our goal at APLS remains service to the public libraries of the state, service to the state's elected officials and employees and service to those individuals that have special needs.

Libraries, during downturns in the economy, become even more important to the communities they serve.



Assistant Director's Report



Hulen Bivins

Perhaps you remember the “Olds 442” of the late 1960’s, the “Plymouth ‘Cuda” of the 1970’s, or the “Buick Grand National” of the 1980’s.

All three of these vehicles were “classic” muscle cars in their day. They remain as “classic” in today’s market if they have been well maintained. However, without maintenance and care, all three vehicles are nothing more than scrap metal.

The above comments about vehicles have a parallel with the public libraries of Alabama. Nine years ago, the argument could have been made that the infrastructure of many of the state’s public libraries were on their way to the scrap yard due to that lack of maintenance, especially the lack of maintenance dollars. Such is not the case today!

In FY 2008, the Alabama Public Library Service, with the assistance of the state legislature and the governor, accomplished a great deal of maintenance work to put a “shine” on the public libraries of the state. Not only were the public libraries, like the vehicles, cleaned, washed and waxed — there were major repairs in the form of new roofs, ADA bathrooms, new AC systems, safer electrical wiring systems, new flooring and improved lighting. A lot of maintenance work was done — more than had been accomplished in Alabama’s public libraries in the past 30 years.



Improvements were also made in the services of the APLS. A full complement of library consultants and IT support staff were put into place, covering the state with expertise, suggestions and hands-on assistance. For the first time in more than a decade, a multi-day conference was conducted at the state library building for public library directors, staff and board members on a multitude of topics that affect Alabama’s public libraries and their ability to serve the needs of Alabama’s citizens.

The agency also worked to design a disaster procedure program, aid in booking system updates, identify foundation resources, evaluate and weed collections, format adaptable programming for all ages and assist in library services to the handicapped. Further, the agency continued with the regular mission of reference service, aid in catalog work and implementation of the holdings of public libraries in the state’s union listing of materials, and the provision of service directly to state employees in support of work tasks.

The year 2008 was indeed a great year for Alabama’s public libraries, with great accomplishments. Truly, the “classic” status has returned.

Library Services

Funding

LSTA Grant Award : \$2,602,935, a decrease of \$7,614 over the previous year.

APLS LSTA Grant Awards: Approximately \$ 1,114,084 in direct grants for FY 2008.

STARS: \$251,528

Segmented amounts of LSTA grants:

- Technology - \$673,299
- Underserved Users - \$116,270
- Children at Risk - \$67,549
- Professional Training - \$39,366
- Collection Development - \$217,600

APLS-funded statewide databases: Approximately \$806,596 for Novelist, Homework Alabama, Learning Express Library and Facts on File.

State Aid: \$5,450,608 (\$1.185 per capita), a \$360,000 increase.

Special Grant Project funds were appropriated for public library infrastructure in the amount of \$1 million. These funds enabled more than 40 Alabama public libraries to upgrade, complete or start new construction in their libraries.

Alabama Virtual Library: \$3,757,600 level funded from 2007. These funds were used to renew all existing databases from the prior year. Cost: \$3,583,365

Alabama Supercomputer Support Contract: \$132,851

Gates Grants for the FY: Connectivity: \$272,663
HUGs: \$221,909

Consultant Services

Consultants made more than 250 site visits to the libraries across the state during FY 2008. Those visits were supplemented by thousands of contacts made through phone and e-mail and dozens of workshops.

The consultants distributed approximately 900,000 pieces of Summer Reading Program material for the annual program done in conjunction with the 48-member Collaborative Summer Library Program. The children's theme for 2008 was "Catch the Reading Bug." The teen program was also themed in nature, with "Metamorphosis @ Your Library."



The inspired artwork for the 2008 children's Summer Reading Program theme, "Catch the Reading Bug," was created by cartoonist Harry Bliss of the *New Yorker*. The "Metamorphosis" artwork was done by Jan Duursema, a comic book artist.

APLS Consultants' Regions

Updated June 2008



The children outdid themselves by reading nearly 1.5 million books during the program, an increase of more than 200,000 books over the previous summer.

The Consultants Division saw a lot of change throughout the year, with some consultants moving on to other areas of APLS and new consultants moving in. As of October, the division had a total of eight consultants, including the Director and Assistant Director.

Fara Zaleski, former head of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH), came in as a consultant to libraries in southwest Alabama. Dana Pritchard took over as head of BPH.

BPH staff member Lenny Lawson also moved over to the Consultants Division, where she serves as an administrative assistant to the consultants.

The consultants stayed busy all year, helping many of the public libraries get situated in new or refurbished buildings, helping them to upgrade their

technology and working on statewide initiatives.

Jan Cederquist has been hard at work revising APLS' Foundations Handbook. She and Director Rebecca Mitchell have also worked together on a statewide Big Read project slated for 2010.

Modeled on the regional Big Read programs conducted yearly by various library systems, the statewide project will encourage all Alabama citizens to pick up a book, read it and discuss it with one another.

The book for 2010 will be "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain.

E-Rate

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Services Fund, commonly known as E-Rate, is a program that gives eligible schools and libraries discounts on telecommunication services, Internet access and internal connections.

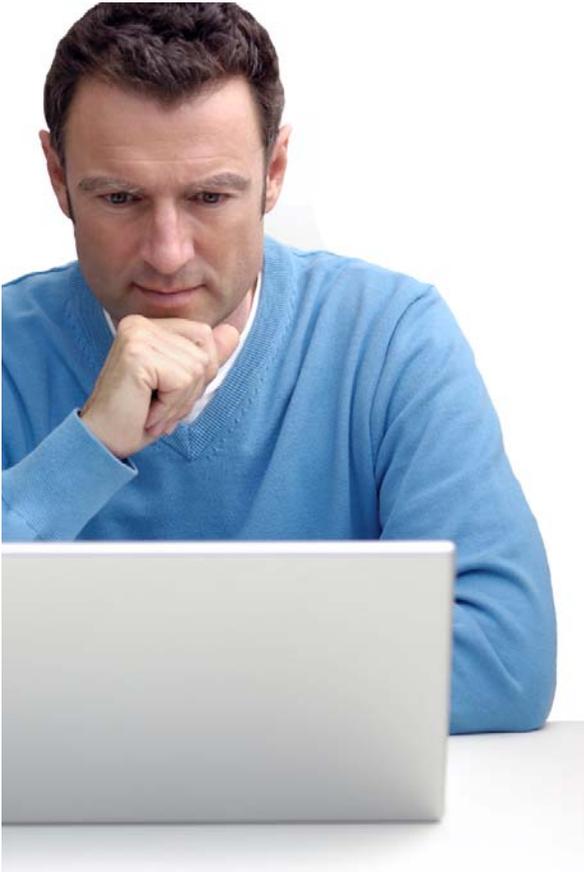
A total of 109 Alabama public libraries received E-rate discounts for FY 2008. Approximately \$724,319 was estimated to be committed for the fiscal year.

2008 Summer Reading Program Statistics

- 76,917 children and teens registered at the start of the program
- 30,611 received reading certificates at the end of the summer
- Participating youth read nearly 1.5 million books
- 233,469 people attended 4,737 program events
- About 900,000 summer reading/youth services reading materials were distributed to support the programs at the public libraries

Information Technology

Kevin Goff took the reins this past year as IT Department manager. He and the department staff stayed very busy, increasing its number of library work requests to well over 2,300 for FY2008. That number includes only the technology-based issues that took more than 15 minutes to solve or required travel.



The IT department worked more than 2,000 hours at public libraries throughout Alabama, not including the work performed remotely.

Technicians at APLS traveled to state libraries more than 200 times in FY 2008, saving the state's public libraries over \$225,000 in service fees that would have been charged by local companies for the same work.

The department also upgraded the APLS staff's computer system to the Windows XP operating system and installed the newest version of Microsoft Office 2007.

The staff began the process of developing Web pages for the state's public libraries. An integral part of the process included evaluation of the APLS Web site, and a plan has been formulated to remove unnecessary, incorrect and outdated information.

The follow-up to this action will be to place pertinent and topical information on the Web site, with controls in place to ensure accuracy and clarity of information.

The department was also successful in installing and operating a full-motion video conferencing system. This system is operating in all of the upstairs APLS conference rooms and a portable unit is available for other areas of the agency.

The IT staff spearheaded Gov. Bob Riley's Connecting Families initiative. Working with 105 state libraries and a national vendor, the team provided 138 iMac computers to participating public libraries so that deployed Alabama military service members could see their families and talk to them face-to-face.

The IT staff continues to survey the public libraries to determine their connectivity needs.

IT also continues to assist the libraries with their LSTA and Gates technology/connectivity grants.



Technical Services

During the year, the agency continued to redefine its purpose as a service agency to public libraries, instead of a functioning library that is continuously building a circulating collection. This redefinition was reflected by many changes in the Information Services/Technical Services area.

STARS

STARS — the State of Alabama Resource Sharing catalog — is a union catalog within OCLC's WorldCat containing the holdings of many Alabama academic, special and medical libraries, the holdings of the Alabama Public Library Service, and the holdings of most of the public libraries in the state.



The Alabama Public Library Service is funding STARS, coordinating the maintenance of public library holdings and facilitating resource sharing among all libraries in the state.

APLS staff worked all year using the telephone, e-mail and site visits to transmit holdings to OCLC for initial batchloading into STARS. As of Sept. 30, 2008, STARS included the holdings of all the public libraries with only a handful of exceptions. Twelve libraries submitted data representing 25 titles that they own. Complete holdings of these libraries will be added as their capabilities improve.

APLS staff also worked with a number of libraries after their initial batchloads were completed to discuss procedures for ongoing batchloading, the use of CatExpress for new holdings and/or procedures for removing holdings from STARS when they have discarded last copies.

As more public libraries are trained in the use of the interlibrary loan process using STARS/WorldCat, the number of libraries lending and borrowing will continue to increase.

Staff

The year saw many changes in staff. In March, media staff member Dorothy Baker was reassigned to public library statistics under the supervision of the Assistant Director. In May, long-time reference librarian Al Craig retired.

Acquisitions librarian Dana Pritchard in June became head of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, while continuing to handle acquisitions. Interlibrary loan staff member G. Kay Norris was also reassigned to the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Acquisitions

Acquisitions and other staff acquired materials to keep vital reference resources current. The list of these resources was examined in order to remove unnecessary titles or titles that were duplicated on the AVL. The main target for the rest of Acquisitions funds was the purchase of materials that qualify for APLS' Alabamiana collection.

Staff also started an in-depth project of reworking the Alabama authors notebooks and verifying Alabamiana materials in the collection. One staff member is comparing information from the *Alabama Authors and their Works, 20th Century and Beyond* (a project of the Alabama Library Association) with the APLS Alabama authors database and with the Alabamiana collection. A sec-

ond staff member is streamlining information in the Alabama Authors notebooks and adding information from the *Alabama Authors* database where needed. Staff members added 358 names to the Alabama Authors database and updated 451 names. There are now more than 6,200 names in the database.

Acquisitions ordered 304 titles and received 1,149 volumes, including 95 gift books for the APLS collection.

Serials

Serials received a total of 3,255 issues.

Cataloging

Cataloging processed 605 new titles. In addition, 392 duplicates, open entry volumes, and re-cataloged volumes were handled.

Staff members provided routine cataloging information and Dewey classification numbers to approximately 34 libraries for at least 127 titles. The cataloging staff made significant progress in the development of an up-to-date cataloging procedures manual.

Patron Services

Reference

The Reference staff provided an abundance of informational materials to aid Alabama public libraries and state employees. A variety of interesting reference requests were handled during the year, including information on the following topics:

- The Duffy gene
- American Revolutionary War espionage
- The economic policies of U.S. presidents Harding, Hoover and Coolidge
- Alabama state employee incentives for organ donors
- Locomotive sounds
- The "Crybaby Bridge" in Chilton County
- Heart disease among North Pole residents
- An online dictionary that will pronounce words for you in English, Japanese and Chinese
- Cloned meat and the timeline for seeing its sale in stores
- What happens when a person's smooth endoplasmic reticulum fails to work properly
- A Web site that draws radius maps in miles
- Origin of the AFLAC duck TV advertisements
- Ansoft's Simplorer as the preferred platform for ultracapacitor component model library
- Health benefits of goji berry tea
- Cellulose fermentation, including the creation of ethanol from cellulose for fuel



Circulation

A new record was set in FY 2008 for the number of visitors to APLS: 14,626. Most of these visitors came to use public access computers for school assignments, job applications, resume preparation and checking e-mail. An additional 3,556 made use of the agency's conference room facilities.

Inter-Library Loan/FAX

As more libraries get accustomed to using the State of Alabama Resource Sharing program (STARS), libraries are moving from fax requests to electronic requests for information.

APLS received 4,109 requests through OCLC/STARS and filled 460 photocopy requests. A total of 152 items were sent directly to libraries and 429 were sent out to state employees and public libraries.

ILL staff handled 6,570 updates for these requests and 263 renewals.

Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Administration

Two items of business impacted life in BPH this year.

The biggest of these was the transition of Fara Zaleski from the Library for the Blind to the Network, Development and Planning Division within APLS. Dana Pritchard became Alabama's regional librarian while retaining her duties as acquisitions librarian for Technical Services.

There was a delay in the Digital Talking Book Program for NLS, which did not receive full funding from Congress. The reduction in funding will cause the program's transition to take six years instead of four as originally announced. In the meantime, the B.A.R.D. (Books Available for Reading Devices) program really accelerated with several dozen patrons purchasing their own devices for downloading digital books.

Circulation

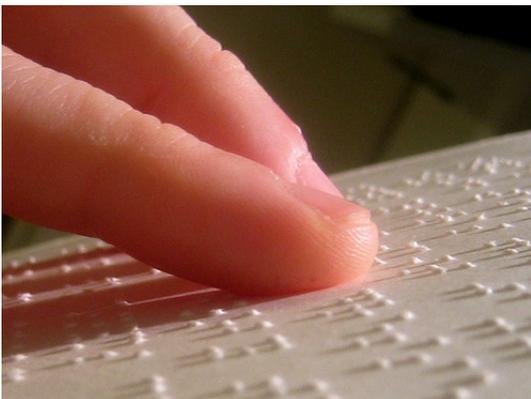
BPH circulated 122,742 special format volumes to its 7,500 patrons and 287 institutions. The average monthly circulation was 10,228. In addition, 1,756 ILLs were provided to subregional patrons.

Almost 2,000 new patrons were added this year and 1,200 readers dropped from service due to failing health, death or inactivity. Staff answered almost 1,000 reference questions by phone or email from patrons and their families. Another 3,400 extra mail cards outside of book circulation were printed for catalog, machine, magazine and miscellaneous shipments. A steady group of local area patrons or their family members made 300 trips to the library to pick up materials.

The two service contracts, one with Utah for Braille circulation and the other with Mississippi

for circulation of older NLS cassette titles, were actively used.

With the Mississippi contract, another 424 patrons were added for service and those who were no longer active were purged from the patron list. Mississippi patrons requested a total of 14,750 books for the year. Mississippi continues to circulate their descriptive videos to Alabama patrons at no cost.



Participating in the agency's Summer Reading Program, the Regional Library had five participants who read 25 books in cassette and Braille formats. The Talladega Subregional Library had six participants in their summer reading program who read 74 books.

National Library Service (NLS)

Deborah Toomey, NLS Consultant, made her biennial consultant visit to monitor for program compliance. She met with Ms. Pritchard briefly, and then Ms. Zaleski, to discuss past recommendations and current changes in the NLS program that will impact daily service at the Network level. She also brought both a standard and an advanced digital player with sample books for BPH staff and the consumer group to experience.

Public Relations

More than 1,700 people from 36 groups learned about blindness and library services from various BPH staff members. Trips were made out of the office by various staff to share with senior citizen groups, low vision peer groups and college classes.

Sensitivity training opportunities continued as new staff joined us at APLS. Tim Emmons shared the AFB video "The New What to do When you Meet a Blind Person" and answered questions about blindness. All staff were encouraged to visit BPH for a more extended tour if they had further questions about its services.

Sowing the Seeds



Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama 2008

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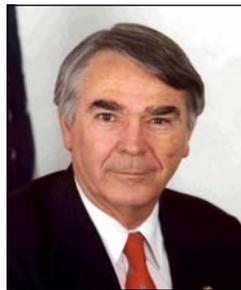


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Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

The Library Services Act (LSA) was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Montgomery in 1946 and signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 19, 1956. 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. The priorities of the LSTA are as follows:

- 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



- Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national and international electronic networks
- Providing electronic and other linkages among and between all types of libraries
- Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations
- 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
- 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.

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The APLS provides direct and statewide grants to Alabama libraries with the assistance of the LSTA allotment we receive each year.



The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY 2008 was \$2,602,935, a decrease of \$7,614 from FY 2007. The grant amounts awarded to libraries, broken down by congressional district, are :

Children-at-risk grants to nine libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$8,454
 - Congressional District 2: \$9,407
 - Congressional District 3: \$20,000
 - Congressional District 4: \$9,688
 - Congressional District 6: \$20,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$67,549**

Collection development grants to 46 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$17,000
 - Congressional District 2: \$38,900
 - Congressional District 3: \$16,000
 - Congressional District 4: \$64,200
 - Congressional District 5: \$16,000
 - Congressional District 6: \$52,500
 - Congressional District 7: \$13,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$217,600**

Professional training grants to 10 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$2,118
 - Congressional District 3: \$6,885
 - Congressional District 4: \$9,990
 - Congressional District 5: \$5,575
 - Congressional District 6: \$14,798
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$39,366**

Services to non-English speaking persons grants to one library as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$20,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$20,000**

Services to the underserved grants to 10 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$21,947
 - Congressional District 4: \$22,861
 - Congressional District 5: \$22,474
 - Congressional District 7: \$28,988
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$96,270**

Technology grants to 39 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$115,013
 - Congressional District 2: \$85,000
 - Congressional District 3: \$75,000
 - Congressional District 4: \$21,307
 - Congressional District 5: \$71,928
 - Congressional District 6: \$293,931
 - Congressional District 7: \$11,120
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$673,299**

In addition to the individual grants awarded, the following statewide support grants were awarded:

- The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Resource Center Library was awarded a Services for the Disabled grant in the amount of \$3,549 to purchase a VIEW portable electronic magnifier for their vision-impaired patrons.

APLS provided approximately \$1,417,268 in statewide projects in the following areas:

- Acquisition and utilization of materials for reference and ILL purposes to Alabama’s public libraries, state employees, and citizens
- Blind and Physically Handicapped services to eligible Alabama citizens
- Library development services to Alabama public libraries in the form of consultations (phone, e-mail, on-site), technical support (phone, e-mail, on-site), and reference assistance (phone, e-mail, on-site workshops)
- Statewide databases (i.e. Facts on File, Homework Alabama, Learning Express, Novelist, STARS and World Book)
- 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

District 1
Jo Bonner

District 1 includes the following counties: Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington.

**SLD: Small Library Development*

District 1 Projects		
Atmore Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$8,454
Baldwin County Library Cooperative	Strengthening Communities	\$7,497
Daphne Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$14,450
Flomaton Public Library	Collection Development - SLD*	\$7,000
Foley Public Library	Cultural Diversity	\$20,000
Foley Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$2,960
Mobile Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Monroe County Public Library (Monroeville)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$10,256

District 1 Projects (continued)

Orange Beach Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$14,797
Prichard Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Satsuma Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$15,000
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$12,000
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Professional Training Grant	\$2,118

District 2 Terry Everett

District 2 includes the following counties: Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery (portion) and Pike.

District 2 Projects

Andalusia Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$2,500
Ariton-Dot Laney Memorial Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$3,400
Autauga-Prattville Public Library	Collection Development	\$9,500
Daleville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$7,000
Houston-Love Memorial Library (Dothan)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Luverne Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$2,907
Mary Berry Brown Memorial Public Library (Midland City)	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
McGregor-McKinney Public Library (Hartford)	Strengthening Youth and Family - SLD	\$5,000
Newton Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
Opp Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Ozark-Dale County Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$10,000
Samson Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$15,000
Slocomb Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family - SLD	\$4,000
Wetumpka Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$7,000

District 3
Mike Rogers

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

District 3 Projects		
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library	Digitization of High-Demand Rare Library Materials	\$15,000
Auburn Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$3,825
B.B. Comer Memorial Library (Sylacauga)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library (Childersburg)	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Horseshoe Bend Regional Library (Dadeville)	Professional Training Grant	\$3,060
Lincoln Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000
Ohatchee Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$8,000

District 4
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 4 Projects		
Collinsville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family - SLD	\$5,000
Cullman County Public Library (Cullman)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Decatur Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
DeKalb County Public Library (Fort Payne)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$6,217
Eva Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Digitization of High-Demand Rare Library Materials	\$6,090
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$4,590

District 4 Projects (continued)

Geraldine Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,200
Grant Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Guntersville Public Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Marion-Perry County Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$2,861
Northwest Regional Library (Winfield)	Collection Development	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Clyde Nix Public Library (Hamilton)	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Northwest Regional Library - Mary Wallace Cobb Public Library (Vernon)	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Northwest Regional Library - MCHS Community Library (Guin)	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Millport Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Sulligent Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Weatherford Public Library (Red Bay)	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Winfield Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,500
Oneonta Public Library	Collection Development	\$8,000
Priceville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$7,000
Rainsville Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$5,400
Rainsville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family - SLD	\$4,688
Russellville Public Library	Collection Development	\$4,000
Sardis City Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
Somerville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
William Bradford Huie Public Library (Hartselle)	Collection Development	\$10,000

District 5
Robert "Bud" Cramer

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

District 5 Projects		
Athens-Limestone Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$7,424
Courtland Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Digitization of High-Demand Rare Library Materials	\$15,000
Helen Keller Public Library (Tuscumbia)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$40,428
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$2,515
Killen Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Professional Training Grant	\$5,640
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Services for Those with Difficulty Using a Library	\$15,050
Lena Cagle Public Library (Bridgeport)	Professional Training Grant	\$3,060
Rogersville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
Sheffield Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$7,000
Woodville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$12,000

District 6
Spencer Bachus

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

District 6 Projects		
Birmingham Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$59,950
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Collection Development	\$7,000
Harrison Regional Library (Columbiana)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$32,250
Harrison Regional Library (Columbiana)	Professional Training Grant	\$3,000

District 6 Projects (continued)

Homewood Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$5,498
Hoover Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$14,993
Hueytown Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$109,600
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Adamsville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Bessemer Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$4,354
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Fultondale Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Graysville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Irondale Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Midfield Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Pleasant Grove Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Vestavia Hills Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$7,444
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Walter J. Hanna Memorial Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,812
Jefferson County Library Coop/ Warrior Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$8,166
Leeds Jane Culbreth Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$7,118
North Shelby County Library (Birmingham)	Collection Development	\$5,000
Pelham Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Pell City Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Collection Development	\$10,000
St. Clair County Library - Ashville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
St. Clair County Library - Odenville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$15,000
St. Clair County Library - Ragland Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000
St. Clair County Library - Springville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$4,000

District 6 Projects (continued)

Tarrant Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$4,560
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Collection Development	\$7,500
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$6,300
West Blocton Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000

District 7 **Artur Davis**

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

District 7 Projects

Carrollton Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Grove Hill Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$1,000
James C. Poole Jr. Memorial Library (Eutaw)	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$5,600
Marengo County Public Library (Linden)	Information Access and Collection Control - SLD	\$5,520
Moundville Public Library	Collection Development - SLD	\$7,000
Pickens County Cooperative Library (Carrollton)	Strengthening Communities	\$4,988
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library (Livingston)	Collection Development - SLD	\$5,000
Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$16,000
Thomasville Public Library	Services for Those with Difficulty Using a Library	\$4,000

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