

APLSeeds

Growing public libraries across Alabama

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Calendar

Summer Reading Kickoff 2/2/16

APLS Executive Board Meeting 3/17/16

FY17 LSTA Professional Training Applications Due 4/1/16

FY17 LSTA General Applications Due 4/8/16

reading and the library. Educator Hillary Pugh received \$75 in free books for her classroom, and each child got a backpack of new children's books to keep at home for family time.

The K-4 class is only the first of many students that will benefit from an IPF donation, as Thomasville Public Library will take this program on the road next spring to other preschools in the area.

The library has partnered with IPF every other year since 2009 for Welcome to Library Land. The library supplies staff time and travel and organizes the supplies, and IPF pays for the books and backpacks that the children and classrooms receive.

Thomasville Public Library Literacy Program

On December 9th, Thomasville City Schools' K-4 class visited Thomasville Public Library to attend Welcome to Library Land, a highly interactive early literacy experience of read-alouds, games, crafts, and songs funded by an International Paper Foundation (IPF) donation.

The goal of the program is to promote a love of



The kids made a thoughtful thank you sign for IPF.

Foley Display Increases Circulation

In an effort to increase circulation, Michele Collins, head of cataloging at Foley Public Library, has created a unique display area. Located directly across from the area for new books, the display is the first place many patrons go when they visit the library. Collins also utilized a set of old CD shelving which was no longer in use.

Collins chooses books for her displays that need to have their circulation increased. She also creates a special theme for each display, as seen in the photo. The display is doing its job, as books constantly have to be replaced and circulation statistics are rising.



Orange Beach January Programs

Orange Beach Public Library hosted several interesting programs in January.

On the 11th, Reference Librarian Louise Daileigh discussed the ins and outs of downloading electronic materials onto Kindle devices for patrons interested in learning more about the electronic book services offered by the library. On the 25th, she taught a class on personal security on the Internet and emerging technology.

On the 14th, Mike Forrester, museum docent from the Naval Aviation Museum, discussed highlights of the museum's collection, the Flying Tigers, and the Blue Angels. The National Naval Aviation Museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of Florida. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircrafts are displayed both inside the museum's nearly 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

On the 21st, Heidi Hutson, local Orange Beach resident, shared a travelogue of her travels in England, which included a sojourn to the World War II Memorial in Normandy and a visit to Bletchley Park.

On the 28th, author and dean of the College of Arts and Science at Athens State University discussed the myth of Prince Madoc and the Welsh Indians. Beginning in Elizabethan England, the persistent myths of the American frontier is a fascinating story of sea voyages, wandering tribes, and centuries of mistaken reports and fantasies about sightings of Welsh Indians.

2 Resources, 1 Goal: Helping Alabama Succeed 

**LearningExpress Library &
HomeworkAlabama**

- Online Tutoring for Grades K-12
- College Placement Resources
- Help for all ages and all skill levels
- Certification Test/GED Preparation
- Career Resources

**Find both on the APLS
Resources and Research Links Page**

At APLS

Alabama Public Library Service hosted the most recent Administrators' Meeting on January 13, 2016. APLS Director Nancy Pack kicked it off by introducing the new public library directors in the state and discussing legislative business. The agency will be asking for a dollar per capita for state aid next year and for extra funding to expand broadband throughout the state. Pack announced Adam Thompson has been appointed to the APLS Executive Board and longtime trustee Ronald Snider has been appointed as chairman. Assistant Director Kelyn Ralya spoke briefly about LSTA. The newest documents can now be found on the APLS website: http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta.



Librarians at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library video site in Sylacuaga had a great time learning and networking.

Susan Del Rosario, Library Programs Director at Tutor.com spoke on how to promote Homework Alabama in your community. She recommended that all libraries provide links to Homework Alabama on their websites, train staff members on how to use it, hang flyers in the library, share information with teachers and churches,

and share the demo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qw7Qd3l4u4&feature=youtu.be>) with patrons. Promotional materials and information can be found at the Client Resource Center: <http://www.tutor.com/clients/login.aspx>. Just use the password Alabama to login. If you have any questions or need help, you can email Susan at susan.delrosario@tutor.com.

Decatur Public Library Director Sherry Sakovich (photo below), who received a grant from APLS to attend the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL), spoke about her experience at the intensive series of workshops that taught participants about designing outcome-based evaluation of programs and services, assessing community needs, and tracking and using data. Sherry discussed how by collecting outcome-based data, libraries can show the impact of the services they provide and better serve their communities. You can view Sherry's PowerPoint on the APLS website under the Home Page Quick Links: http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/



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Satsuma Programs



On December 1st, author Jane Patrick Walls (above) visited Satsuma Public Library for a book signing event. Many of Walls' supporters, family, and friends attended. Raised in Citronelle, Walls has lived in Satsuma with her husband since 1974. She is currently working on her 13th book.



The Satsuma Christmas Tour of Homes also occurred in December. Not an inch of the library was left untouched by the gifted hands of their in-house decorator, Evelyn Butler. The tree in the reference room was decorated with ornaments that belonged to Patricia Hicks, a beloved member of the community, teacher, coach, council member, and library foundation member. A special guest, Santa (aka Councilman Mike Butler), visited the Library as well!

Demopolis Grant

Demopolis Public Library was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation in Holland, Ohio, which focuses on education and human services. The grant will enable the library to expand its book collection for emergent readers in preschool through 2nd grade and the collection of chapter books for reluctant readers in 3rd through 6th grade.

For many children, reading doesn't come easily. Some children have difficulty connecting letters and their corresponding sounds. Others have yet to discover a special story that sparks their imagination and shows just how fun reading can be. In an effort to reach reluctant readers, the library plans to add high interest titles, eBook titles, audiobooks, and graphic novels. The love of reading has so many benefits, including improved listening skills and building an imagination. Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not.

"This grant is the best Christmas present ever!" says Library Director Morgan Allen. "It fills a gap we had in our current budget, so we can continue to provide new books and materials that help spark children's imagination and foster a lifelong love of reading. We want to grow readers here at our library- readers that grow up to be decision makers and library supporters. The vast mass of knowledge in our world can only be gained by reading, and if we want our Demopolis children to be smart, they have to acquire a love for reading."

New Director News

Vicki Smith (right) is the new director at Magnolia Springs Public Library as Alida Given (left) retired in December.



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The Library System

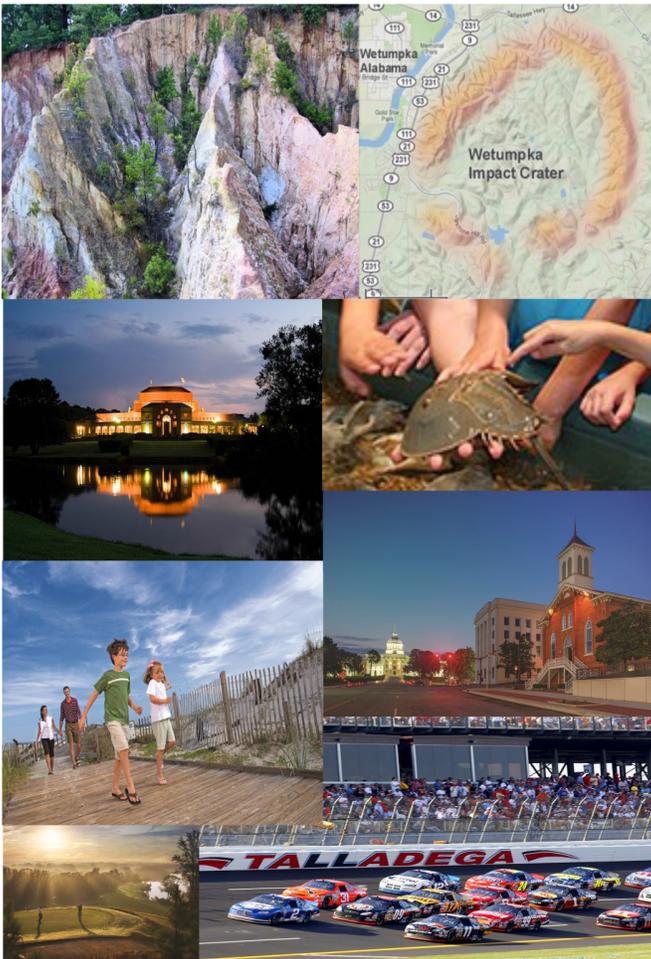
The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) receives and administers state and federal funds to meet the needs of the Alabama citizens. APLS works with over 220 public libraries to facilitate consistent, exceptional library service across the state. APLS is fortunate to house the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in addition to providing direct service to Alabama State employees, supporting wide ranging program development, assisting with establishing cooperative library services and networks, and continuing to provide education opportunities for patrons and librarians.

Montgomery and the River Region

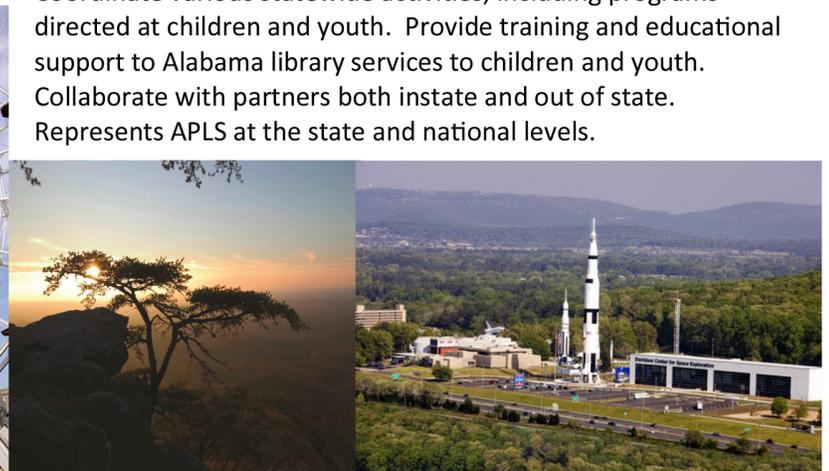
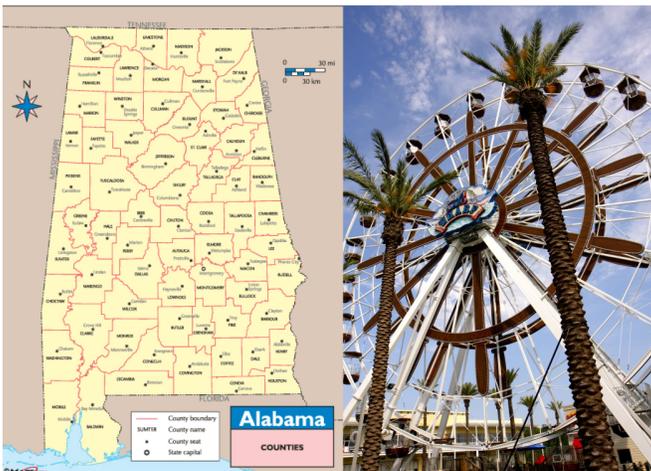
Located midway between the Smokey Mountain foothills and the crystal sand beaches of the Gulf, Montgomery offers the poignant history of the birth of the Confederacy and the Civil Rights Movement. From the Alabama Shakespeare Festival bringing theater alive to the Montgomery Symphony or Alabama Dance Theatre, the River Region offers thrilling arts and culture. Montgomery offers a myriad of recreation opportunities from the renowned Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill located in neighboring Prattville, local biking, running and rowing clubs, along with baseball, basketball and soccer leagues for all ages, to the whitewater paddling and mountain biking in nearby Wetumpka. Montgomery is home to three nationally recognized Magnet programs and several private school programs.

Position Overview

APLS is seeking a self-motivated organized professional who is enthusiastic about Youth Services, Children's and Young Adult's literacy development and enrichment. The position provides support and consultation to library staff throughout Alabama and participates as a team member for statewide library development. Coordinate various statewide activities, including programs directed at children and youth. Provide training and educational support to Alabama library services to children and youth. Collaborate with partners both instate and out of state. Represents APLS at the state and national levels.



Clockwise from top left: Wetumpka Impact Crater (images by Vicki Lais, Birmingham Paleontological Society) Estuarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, the Alabama State Capitol and Dexter Avenue Church in Montgomery, Talladega Superspeedway, The Judge at Robert Trent Jones Prattville Capitol Hill golf course, Gulf Shores Beaches (Photos courtesy of the Alabama Department of Tourism) and AL Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, AL (Photo courtesy of Alabama Shakespeare Festival). Below left to right: Alabama state map, The Wharf Ferris Wheel at Orange Beach, Mt. Cheaha Pulpit Rock (Photos courtesy of the Alabama Department of Tourism.) Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the US Space & Rocket Center (The Huntsville Times/Dave Dieter).





Alabama Public Library Service



The Candidate

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Communicate Effectively

- ◆ Speak and write effectively for varying mediums.
- ◆ Group facility skills for diverse audiences and special needs.

Create and Maintain a Professional Network

- ◆ Cultivate relationships to facilitate prompt and relevant responses to promote and meet state library needs.
- ◆ Knowledge of services and materials offered in various types of public libraries.

Identify and Work to Meet Member Needs

- ◆ Exercise independent and sound judgment to initiate recommendations for improvements in services.
- ◆ Understand the myriad of challenges of varying size and types of libraries and patrons.
- ◆ Awareness of the diversified needs of patrons in low-economic, high-economic, ADA, visually impaired, or autistic situations.
- ◆ Ability to develop training and continuing education for the library community.
- ◆ Ability to maintain records and prepare reports and correspondence related to work.
- ◆ Knowledge of children's and youth literacy and popular authors.

Education and Experience

MLS, MLIS, or MSLI from an ALA-accredited college or university.

Five years of professional public library experience in Children's, Young Adult's, and/or Youth services.

NOTE:

Position requires considerable overnight travel.

Essential Duties of the Position

Coordinate strategy for integrated early learning and literacy programs for children and youth.

Develop and deliver early literacy training for librarians, parents and caregivers with a focus on Summer Reading, story times and early learning environments.

Develop and maintain partnerships within the department and other state agencies with services appropriate for children and youth services.

Provide advice and consultation for library community through face-to-face individual and group communication. Presentations, written articles, in-person and online.

Write newsletter articles, guides and other resource materials, including reports and maintain statistical data.

Compensation & Benefits

Compensation: Salary ranges from \$47,757.60—\$72,686.40 annually based upon education and experience. Salary is paid semi-monthly.

Benefits Include: Annual and sick leave; thirteen paid holidays; low cost insurance; retirement plan; deferred compensation plan and flexible employee benefit plans.

How to Apply

Applicants must:

1. Complete a State of Alabama application form, located at <https://personnel.alabama.gov/OES/Login.aspx>, and submit the application to the Alabama State Personnel Department, 64 N. Union St., Montgomery, AL 36130 to be placed on the state merit system register; **and**
2. Submit a .pdf cover letter, resume and three professional references to the attention of Wanda Chrietzberg, HR Officer, at wchrietzberg@apls.state.al.us.

Interviews will be conducted by appointment only. Applicants must travel to interviews at their own expense.