

# Snapshot Day

*One day in the life of  
Alabama Public Libraries*



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Snapshot Day Alabama is a statewide initiative purposed to show the importance of Alabama public libraries. On August 16, 2016, public libraries all over the state took photos, collected patrons' comments, and gathered statistics with a toolkit provided by APLS. The information the libraries assembled captured the positive impact libraries make in their communities each and every day. This year, 34 libraries participated in Snapshot Day. Combined, the participating libraries:

- Received 14,550 visits
- Answered 2,237 reference questions
- Circulated 19,542 items
- Entertained 1,462 program attendees
- Hosted 4,437 computer users
- Helped 533 people with job related issues

Thanks to all the participating libraries! Enjoy this peek from around the state! \*Ed. note: Patron comments don't necessarily belong to people in photos. Photos and comments were chosen separately.

## Ragland Public Library



## Marion-Perry County Library

*"When I don't have access to a computer at home I can come to the public library. I don't know what we would do without it."*

## Armstrong-Osborne Public Library



## Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library



## Grove Hill Public Library



*“It is one of my hometown's assets. As a child I have the fondest memories of my grandparents bringing me here. I truly love our hometown library.”*

## Attalla-Etowah County Public Library



*“It is a great place to find great books, and I enjoy visiting with employees – they are very sweet!”*

## Dutton Community Library



## Flomaton Public Library

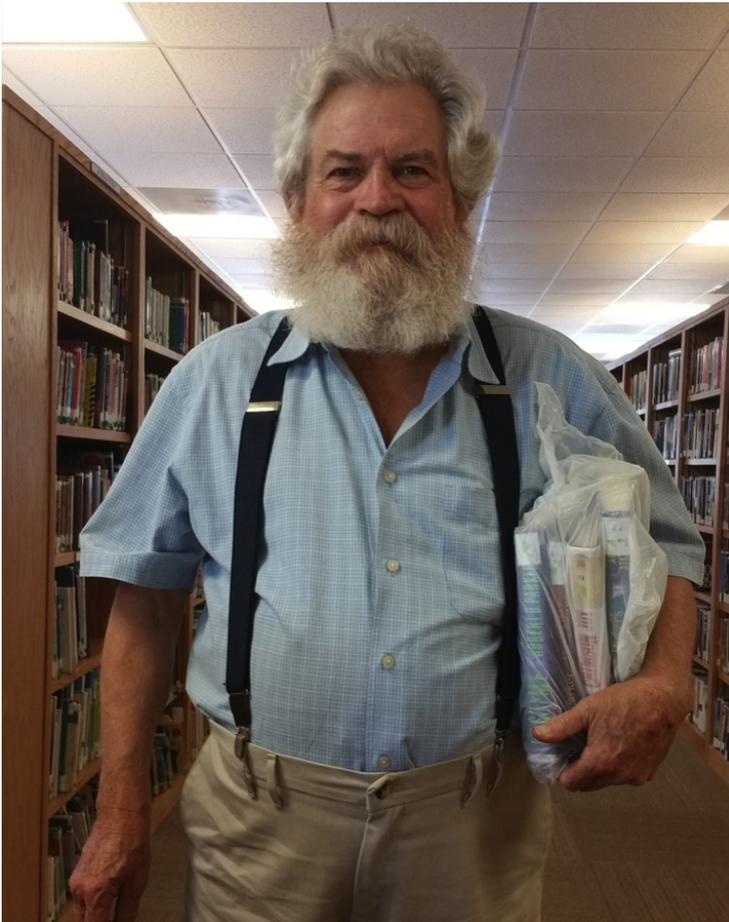


## Lawrence County Public Library



*“Any library is the building block of its town. It is as necessary as a hospital to its community. From the very young to the elderly, a library is an open world at your fingertips.”*

## Springville Public Library



## Spanish Fort Public Library



*"They don't judge you for how many times you come in or what you read... They also know you when you walk in the door!"*

## Orange Beach Public Library



## Town Creek Public Library

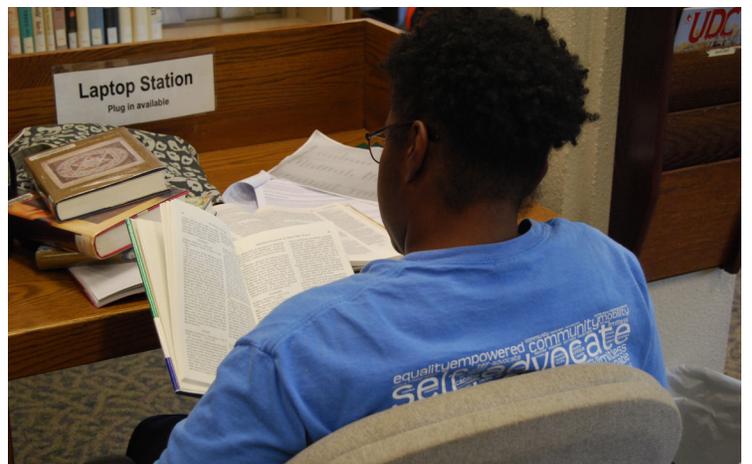
*"The ladies here are very helpful and nice and take their time to answer your questions and don't make you feel rushed."*

## Bessemer Public Library



*"The library is important to me because at this moment I do not have a computer at home. The library allows me access to the computer lab which helps me assist my children with homework assignments."*

## Tuscaloosa Public Library



## Adelia McConnell Russell Library



## Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library



## Pinson Public Library



## Huntsville-Madison County Public Library



## Autauga-Prattville Public Library



## Fairhope Public Library



*"FPL has played a major role in helping me prepare to start a small business. I became a certified professional organizer (CPO) by taking classes on a computer at the FPL. Alan (library staff member), has been so helpful to me. He is a fantastic people-person! His people-service skills are excellent! He is very knowledgeable!"*

## Homewood Public Library



## Decatur Public Library



## White Smith Memorial Library



## Cherokee County Public Library



## Foley Public Library



*"This library is one of the best assets of the community."*

*"I love the library. I use the computers on a regular basis. I am an avid reader and a collector of books. The staff here is wonderful."*

## North Shelby Library



## Mobile Public Library



*"Keeps my mind going and helps keep me active."*

## Idler Public Library



## Satsuma Public Library



## Thomas B. Norton Public Library

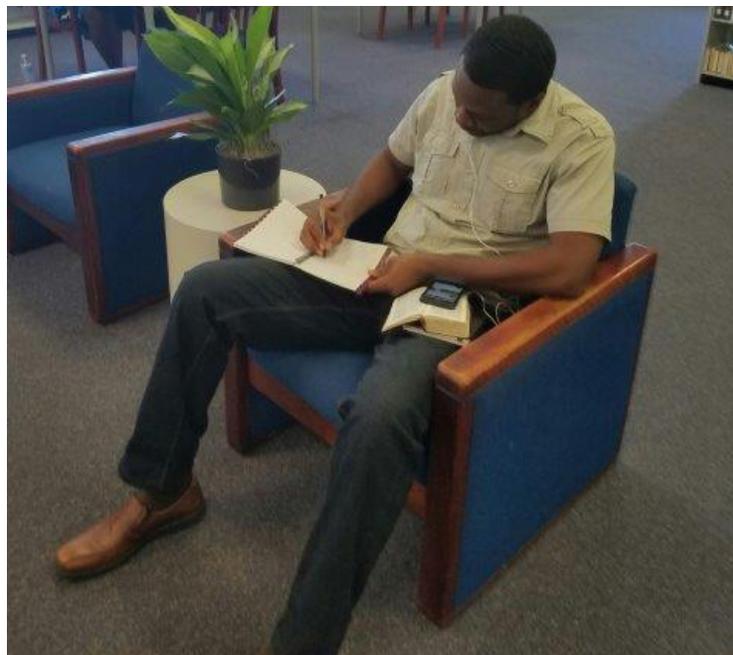


*"It is always a great place to get to know the community.  
..My local library makes me feel like a part of the team."*

## Southside Public Library

*Southside Public Library had 23 visits, checked out 17 items, and provided computers for 8 users.*

## Montgomery City-County Public Library



## Dadeville Public Library

*Dadeville Public Library had 75 visits, helped 8 people with job related issues, hosted 5 program attendees, and provided computers for 19 users.*

Thank you so much to the participating libraries! It is obvious from the Snapshot Day results that libraries are important and frequently used parts of the community! Be sure to send your funders and elected officials your results so they can see how valuable libraries are.

# Attention: APLS is hiring!

State of Alabama  
Personnel Department  
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Montgomery, AL 36130-4100  
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Current Announcement

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## LIBRARY TECHNICIAN – 30503

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Salary: \$25,821.60 - \$42,266.40  
Announcement Date: September 21, 2016  
Application Deadline: October 12, 2016

### **JOB INFORMATION**

The Library Technician is a permanent full-time position with the Alabama Public Library Service. Positions are located in Montgomery. This is para-professional library work in library operations.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited\* four-year college or university in any major
- OR**
- Two (2) years of college coursework from an accredited\* four-year college or university in any major
  - Two (2) years of experience working in a library setting

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT**

Applicants **must** submit an official college transcript for each accredited\* postsecondary academic institution attended. Original transcripts issued to students will be accepted. Photocopies of transcripts, faxed transcripts, and/or information obtained from the internet will NOT be accepted. Official transcripts which have been submitted for any state job after January 2, 2012, will remain on file in our system and will not need to be resubmitted. You may call to verify.

### **NOTE**

- One year of college coursework is equivalent to 30 semester or 45 quarter hours

### **EXAMINATION**

- **Open-Competitive** to all applicants.
- An Evaluation of **Training and Experience** as shown on the application will comprise 100% of the final score.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at [www.personnel.alabama.gov](http://www.personnel.alabama.gov), the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail or by fax. Application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the application deadline date shown above. The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail service or faxing malfunctions.

*Individuals currently on the register MUST reapply to remain eligible for employment.*

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\*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

**Applicants hired by the State of Alabama on or after January 1, 2012 will be subject to the E-Verify process pursuant to Act No. 2011-535.**

**State of Alabama Personnel Department  
Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees**

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States listed below:
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
  - Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
  - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
  - Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
  - New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges –Senior College and University Commission (WASC-SCUC)
2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by one of the above listed regional accreditation associations may be accepted if a *regionally accredited school\** considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). **This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note: This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.

\*The term "regionally accredited school" refers to an institution of higher education accredited by one of the above listed accreditation associations.