

Alabama Public Libraries

Did you know?

220+ in Alabama - at least one in every county!

100% provide online tutoring, test prep, and homework resources.

100% offer free Internet access.

98% provide technology training.

100% assist job seekers search for jobs, create resumes, or apply for work.

100% offer children's programming, like Summer Reading.

Alabama public libraries support state priorities like education, employment, and 21st century workforce development.

Libraries are more popular than ever...

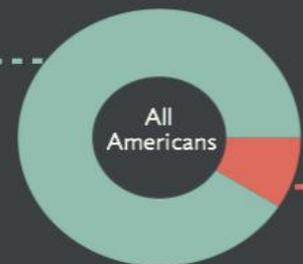
Total Visits 2013



Alabama public libraries
16,417,690 visits

Disneyland
16,202,000 visits

91% say public libraries are important.



Only 9% disagree.

Alabama public libraries are more popular than Disneyland. Public libraries are important to a vast majority of Americans.

...but state funds keep falling.

Library use goes up



17% since 2008*

State funding for libraries decreased from \$1.19 in 2008 to \$0.78 in 2013.

Meanwhile library visits increased from 14,029,851 to 16,417,690.

...while library funding goes down.



-34% since 2008

* circulation increased 7%



computer use increased 34%



program attendance increased 36%

from 2008-2013

We need

\$1.05

to help public libraries thrive!

About APLS

APLS is Alabama's state library. Our agency enables consistent, high-quality library services across the state by providing local libraries:



Professional library consulting services



IT planning and consulting services



Materials and assistance to blind and physically handicapped individuals

**Free
of
charge!**

Additionally, APLS ensures excellent value and service for taxpayer dollars by distributing state and federal funds according to strict standards and accountability measures.

Library Services

- Support childhood literacy by providing materials and guidance for programs like Summer Reading.
- Provide online access to homework and career readiness help services through Homework Alabama and Learning Express.
- Support library services and programming by administering state aid and federal grant money.
- Provide cost saving programs to public libraries through State of Alabama Resource Sharing (STARS) and OCLC FirstSearch.
- Support libraries through direct consulting, continuing education, and program development.

IT Services

- Provide help desk, remote, and onsite IT services.
- Provide technology consulting and strategic planning.
- Build, maintain, and host library websites and database solutions.
- Provide a statewide video conferencing system to facilitate continuing education and administrative meeting attendance.
- Provide a cost saving collection management program developed in house and made available to public libraries free of charge.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

- Offer services to over 8,000 patrons and over 100 institutions.
- Provide access to BARD platform, which allows patrons to download "talking books" directly to their devices.
- Provide reader advisory and technical assistance to patrons.
- Circulated 131,213 special format volumes to patrons in 2014, averaging 10,934 a month.
- 90% of patrons reported satisfaction with BPH services and materials.



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