

## Partnering with Libraries & Related Organizations

Library Development works in partnership with libraries to enhance service to communities across the state. We serve all types of libraries, including:

- Academic libraries
- Public libraries
- School libraries
- Special libraries
- Tribal libraries

Library Development works cooperatively with these related organizations to improve library services and programs:

- Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries
- Alaska Library Network
- Alaska Library Association
- Alaska Association of School Librarians
- Pacific Northwest Library Association
- Alaska Center for the Book
- American Library Association



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# Assisting Libraries Across Alaska

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## Alaska State Library Library Development

[http://library.alaska.gov  
/dev/libdev.html](http://library.alaska.gov/dev/libdev.html)

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## Consulting and Training

Library Development, a program of the Alaska State Library, supports the work of library staff and local communities statewide.

We assist libraries of all types with:

- Children's and youth services
- Consulting services whenever questions arise in school libraries (800-776-6566) and public libraries (888-820-4525)
- E-rate assistance
- Grant project management
- Leadership development for directors from large and medium-sized libraries
- Library statistics for planning and persuasion
- Training for library staff from public and school libraries
- Telecommunications policy impact on libraries

Need specific training for you or your staff?  
Contact us to discuss your needs!



## Statewide Initiatives

Library Development coordinates, manages, and serves as liaison for statewide projects designed to enhance library service throughout Alaska. Current initiatives include:

- Alaska Library Network (ALN)
- *ALNCat*: Statewide library catalog
- Books by mail to rural residents
- Early childhood literacy
- Marketing and advocacy for libraries
- OWL Online With Libraries - internet cost support and statewide videoconferencing network
- Reference and resource sharing assistance to rural libraries
- Statewide licenses for periodical databases from EBSCO and services such as *Live Homework Help* on *SLED: Statewide Library Electronic Doorway*  
<http://sled.alaska.edu>
- Summer reading program
- Talking Book Center
- Technology purchasing

## Resources and Publications

Visit the Library Development web page for *Resources and Services for Alaska Libraries* at:  
<http://library.alaska.gov/dev/libdev.html>

Need to read more about it? Search OCLC WorldCat to find and borrow practical library science books in the library science collections held by the State Library in Anchorage and Juneau

- *Alaska School Library K-12 Handbook*  
<http://aklibraryhandbook.pbworks.com>
- *Information Empowered: The School Librarian as an Agent of Academic Achievement in Alaska Schools*



## Grant Programs

Library Development administers both state grant funds for libraries and federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to improve libraries in Alaska.

Library Development coordinates special grant opportunities to enhance library technology in Alaska's libraries, such as those from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Ongoing grant programs include:

- Public library assistance grants to help public libraries meet operating expenses
- Interlibrary cooperation grants for innovative or cooperative projects developed by libraries of all types
- Books-by-mail grants to bring library service to rural residents and reference assistance to libraries statewide
- Continuing education grants for public and school library staff