

CONNECT

WITH OWL
VIDEOCONFERENCING



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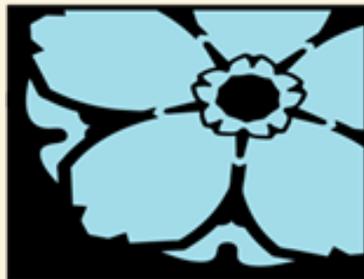
Keeping people safe on the water is a full-time job for Michael Folkerts, Recreational Boating Safety Specialist for the United State Coast Guard. When Mike needed help reaching out to small rural communities in Alaska, staff at the Alaska State Library introduced him to the Online With Libraries (OWL) videoconferencing network. Setting up the videoconference was easy. Mike was able to connect with several communities throughout Alaska. Now he is building working relationships with them through the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources' Kids Don't Float program. He believes being able to connect directly with communities throughout Alaska with OWL is a huge benefit both to the Boating Safety Program and to Alaskan boaters!

*For more information about Kids Don't Float, go to
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdfhome.htm>*

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