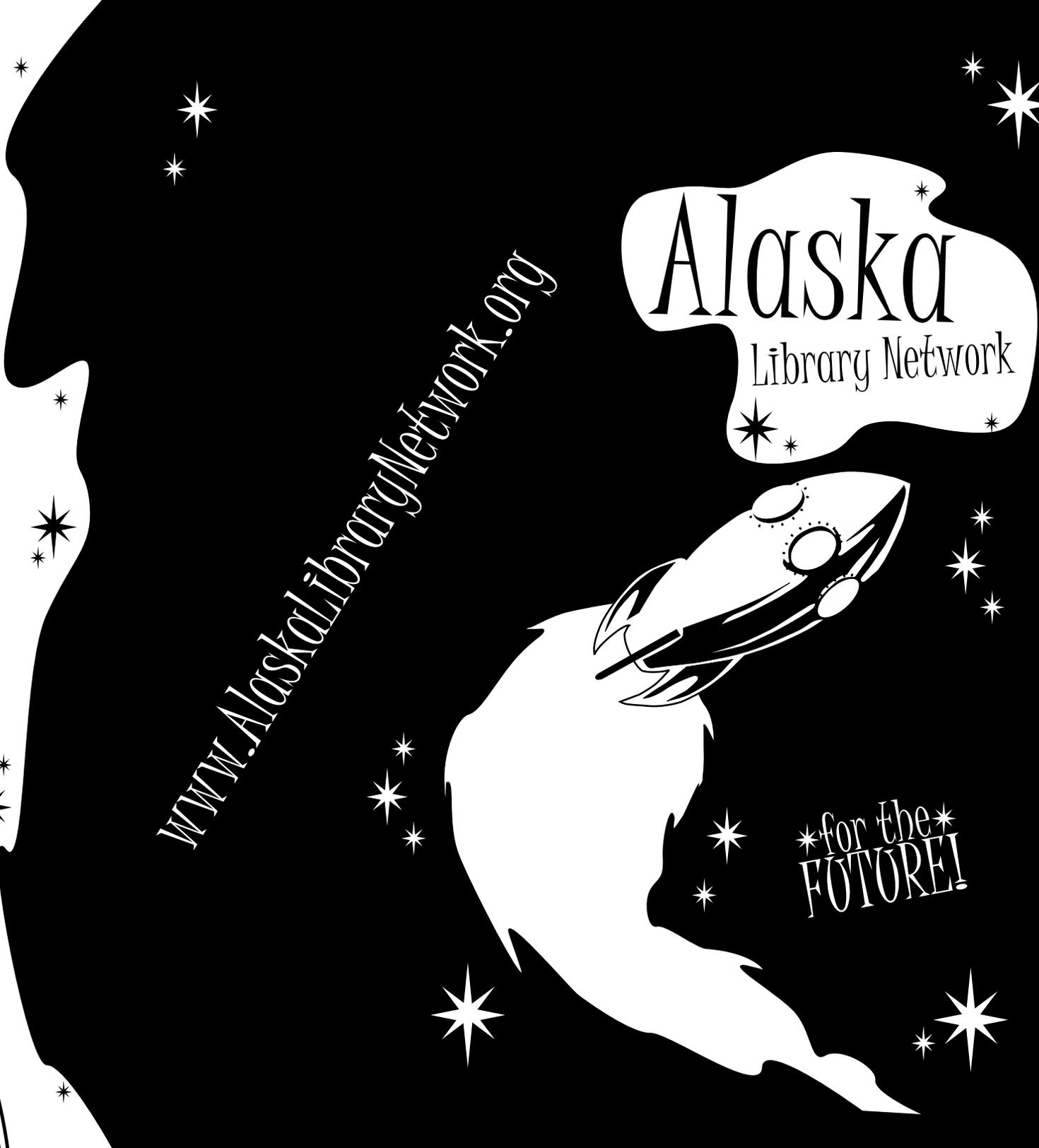


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In October 2005, a group of 30 librarians from around the state met to consider creating a formal Alaska library network. Although Alaska libraries have long engaged in collaborative resource sharing projects, recent cooperative ventures highlighted the need for a permanent and well-defined network structure.

After hearing Bruce Newell of the Montana Library Network present the benefits of a library network, the group shared ideas, discussed pros and cons, and asked that a task force be established to gather information necessary to lay the groundwork for a formalized Alaska Library Network. ALN task force meetings began in December 2005 and this pamphlet is one effort to show their progress.

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## ALN Task & Goals

- ⌘ Coordinate statewide programs and manage cooperative projects
- ⌘ Spearhead public relations and advocacy efforts
- ⌘ Develop tools to make SLED easier to navigate
- ⌘ Help small libraries automate
- ⌘ Create training materials for librarians to use
- ⌘ Establish a mentor program for new librarians
- ⌘ Advertise continuing education opportunities
- ⌘ Establish a statewide buying consortium to lower costs to all Alaska libraries

## You Can Help

Know of an educational opportunity of interest to librarians? Have ideas on what ALN can do for your

library? Drop the task force a line. Libraries across the state are invited to participate in the development of ALN from help creating a logo to developing programs that will benefit Alaska's libraries. The ALN will be as strong as you make it, so spread the word! Visit [www.AlaskaLibraryNetwork.org](http://www.AlaskaLibraryNetwork.org)

## Your ALN Task Force

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