Partnering in Support of Alaska’s Libraries:
Alaska Library Association and Alaska Library Development

Alaska Library Association

Alaska Library Association (AkLA) is a nonprofit professional organization for employees, volunteers and advocates at academic, public, school and special libraries of all sizes in Alaska.

AkLA provides:
- Statewide annual conference
- Leadership opportunities to serve on committees, round tables, and in chapters with colleagues who share your professional interests.
- Training workshops on selected topics
- Email distribution lists
- Advocacy on behalf of all libraries
- Newspoke quarterly newsletter
- Online library job listing
- Professional recognition awards
  - Alaskana Award
  - Audrey P. Kolb Award
  - Library Advocacy Award
- Professional scholarships
  - Library Scholarship for MLIS
  - Jo Morse Scholarship for school library certificate

Library Development

Library Development is a section of the Alaska State Library (ASL). Our mission is an excellent library in every community for every Alaskan.

Library Development provides:
- Consulting services and expert advice on public and school libraries, grants and statistics, E-rate and early literacy.
  - Library Site Visits
- Grants
  - Continuing Education
  - Interlibrary Cooperation
  - Public Library Assistance
- Training
  - Online tutorials
  - Webinars
  - Workshops and Conference Sessions
- Newsletters
  - Alaska School and Youth Services Library (SAYL) Mail
  - CE News
  - Friday Bulletin
- Supports libraries through statewide services:
  - Statewide Summer Reading Program
  - SLED databases
  - 800/# ILL Backup Service
  - Ready to Read Resource Center
  - Library Science Collection in Alaska Library Catalog.

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Alaska’s Library Community Includes:

- **Association of School Librarians (AkASL)**
  AkASL promotes school libraries in Alaska through programs such as Battle of the Books.

- **Alaska Center for the Book**
  The Alaska Center for the Book highlights and promotes Alaska’s literary heritage by calling attention to the importance of books, reading, literacy and libraries.

- **Alaska Community Foundation (ACF)**
  ACF cultivates, celebrates, and sustains all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska’s communities forever and has grant programs that exist to strengthen organizations.

- **Alaska Humanities Forum**
  The Alaska Humanities Forum is dedicated to strengthening and connecting communities across Alaska using the humanities and has grant programs.

- **Alaska Library Network**
  ALN serves as the primary contact to its members for programs such as the Alaska Digital Library, SLED databases and the Alaska Library Catalog, and assists libraries as a fiscal agent.

- **American Library Association**
  The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. ALA distributes professional recognition awards, provides grants and scholarships, and organizes two major conferences annually.

- **Friends of Libraries, USA**
  Friends of the Libraries, USA provides resources, services and networking opportunities for friends, trustees, and foundations to increase and enhance their efforts on behalf of public, academic, and school libraries.

- **The Foraker Group**
  The Foraker Group serves as the state association and capacity building organization for nonprofits and tribes across Alaska.

- **Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS)**
  IMLS advances, supports, and empowers America’s libraries through grant making, research, and policy development.

- **International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Connect**
  ISTE’s Librarians Network promotes librarians as leaders and champions of educational technology.

- **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**
  NEA supports participation in the arts, exercising imaginations, and developing creative capacities. NEA awards grants for arts based projects.

- **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**
  NEH promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history to all Americans. NEH awards grants for humanities and collections-related projects.

- **Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA)**
  PNLA serves as a professional and social forum for librarians, library workers and library supporters throughout the Pacific Northwest region.

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