

**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 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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