

What free statewide resources are available?

Electronic Resources

**SLED:** The Statewide Library Electronic Doorway provides easy subject access and links to various commercial databases, statewide services, and stable, high-quality Web pages about Alaska and for Alaskans. <http://sled.alaska.edu>

**Magazines, Newspaper, and More: Full-Text Articles for Alaskans:** Use *SLED* as your access point to start searching 45 periodical databases purchased annually for all Alaskans at a cost of more than \$400,000. These databases provide information on general news, business, automotive repair, health, and other resources chosen to support K-12 education. <http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html>

**Live Homework Help:** Alaska students can use *SLED* as their access point to get free online help from real tutors seven days a week from 2 to 9 PM. Provides online help with English, math, science, and social studies to students in grades four through twelve. <http://sled.alaska.edu/homework.html>

**OCLC World Cat:** The State Library purchases two subscriptions to World Cat so Alaskan librarians can search the world's largest database of library materials on the Web. Call 1-800-776-6566 to get the password and ID, then go to: <http://library.state.ak.us/dev/catill.html> Accessible on *SLED* under *Library Cataloging & Resources*, then select *Cataloging & ILL Resources for Alaskan Libraries*.

**Alaska Virtual Reference Service:** Use *SLED* to access *Ask A Librarian!*, a pilot project designed to offer online reference assistance to anyone asking for service. This service is offered by a consortium of eight major libraries and is available for more than 40 hours each week.

**Alaska's Digital Archive:** Search for digitized photographs, oral histories, moving images, and documents from major library collections, with an emphasis on digitized materials on *Alaska Native History and Culture* and the *Movement to Statehood*. <http://vilda.alaska.edu/index.html>  
Also accessible via *SLED*.

**Alaska Polar and Periodical Index:** Search a citation-only database of 150,000 entries providing indexing to periodical articles about Alaska and the polar regions. Choose *Alaska Polar and Periodical Index* at: <http://goldmine.uaf.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/49/> Also accessible on *SLED* under *Library Catalogs and Resources*.

Statewide Services for Librarians

**Reference and ILL Assistance (1-800-261-2838):** This statewide service is available to public and school librarians who need help answering reference questions and identifying library materials for interlibrary loan. Service provided by the Anchorage Municipal Libraries through a grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Regional Services/Books-By-Mail Program:** Free library service is available by mail to patrons living in towns without public libraries. Juneau Public Library (586-5379) serves patrons in Southeast Alaska, while Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library (459-1037) serves patrons across the rest of the state. Service provided with grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**E-Rate Statewide Coordinators:** Two E-Rate coordinators are available to guide you through the E-

Rate program so your library can benefit from this Federal program. For general questions about school or library E-Rate participation, contact Della Matthis at 907-301-7853. Libraries may also contact Aja Razumny at 888-820-4525. For more information, see: <http://library.state.ak.us/usf/>

**BCR Bibliographical Center for Research:** BCR is a multi-state library cooperative that serves the library community by providing cost-effective library and information services. The State Library pays for a statewide membership so all Alaskan libraries can take advantage of discounts for library products and library training workshops. You can also contact BCR for help with OCLC products and services. <http://www.bcr.org>

**Summer Reading Program:** Every year, the Alaska State Library makes a basic starter kit of materials available to public and community libraries in Alaska that plan to offer a summer reading program to children in their communities. <http://library.state.ak.us/srp/home.html>

**Alaska Libraries Reciprocal Borrowing Program:** This voluntary program establishes reciprocal borrowing privileges among Alaska libraries by allowing library patrons with valid library cards from participating libraries to check out library materials from other libraries participating in the program. <http://library.state.ak.us/ recipborrow/home.html>

**Library Science Professional Collection:** The Alaska State Library purchases many practical books about library science, with holdings in both the Anchorage offices and in the general collection at the State Library in Juneau. You can check these titles out from the State Library. To look for these books, search the Capital City Libraries Catalog at: <http://www.ccl.lib.ak.us/>

**Library Storypackets:** Need books and props to provide a lively story time for your younger patrons? Search the keywords: *storypacket* and *kit* on the Anchorage Municipal Library catalog at: <http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us> to identify storypackets you can request through interlibrary loan for your library. Creation of the storypackets was funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Banned Book Week Display (1-800-776-6566):** Contact the State Library to request this display-in-a-box to commemorate this annual event held during the last week of September. The shipment includes books that have been banned nationwide and a sign listing titles that have been censored.

**Book Club in a Bag:** Need multiple copies of a single title for a book discussion? The Big Lake and Palmer Public Libraries offer Book Club in a Bag. Each bag contains 10 copies of the book, an author biography, discussion questions, and book reviews. To identify titles, search the *Library Catalog* for keywords *book club bag* on <http://www.matsulibraries.org>, then request a bag through ILL.

### Special Collections for Disabled Alaskans

**Talking Book Center (1-800-776-6566):** The State Library's Talking Book Center provides books and magazines on tape, Braille materials, and other services to Alaskans who are visually or physically handicapped and who cannot read standard print materials. <http://library.state.ak.us/dev/tbc.html>

**Alaska Captioned Media Program (1-907-452-2000 ext. 243):** The Captioned Media Program provides 4,000 captioned videos, CDs, and DVDs to Alaskans who are deaf or hearing impaired. For contact information, see: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/lib/lib.html>