

Know how to use the OPAC

ON the designated computer (s) you will see Patron Search, Click on it. You can look up any library holdings by title, author, subject, or keyword. Other searches include single, multiple and/or complex. Patron can also select the publisher or category search.

Know what databases are available

Alabama Virtual Library

Salem Health

EBSCOHOST

Alabama Virtual Library

About the Alabama Virtual Library

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources are available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across the state.

**Beginning August 2010~home users will not have to have a card! The Alabama Virtual Library uses geo-location technology to authenticate Alabama residents, and this technology will grant allows most Alabama residents to access AVL from their homes without the need for a username and password. If the geo-location technology is unable to "recognize" a user as an Alabama resident, then residents may login with an AVL Card. AVL Cards may also be used to gain access when a resident is traveling outside the state. Visit your local public library/or college library to request an AVL (remote access) card. K-12 students/staff in public schools may obtain a card from their school library.