

Sample Parents' Letter, Arab City Schools

Dear Parents,

Students in today's society can find all kinds of information on the Internet. While good information sites can be found, other sites lack the quality and accuracy useful to students. In an effort to provide quality content for all Alabama citizens, state and local officials have implemented the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). Through the Internet, the AVL will access to a three million-dollar database free of charge.

For the first time, every student in every school in Alabama will have an equitable core of information. This service is now available to your child at home, if you have Internet access. In a cooperative effort with Alabama State Department of Education, all Arab City School libraries will issue an AVL card to each student who request one. For your information a list of databases available through the AVL is attached. A request form for an AVL card is also included with this letter. To take advantage of this valuable resource, complete the request form and return it to your child's school library media center. Within a few days after receiving the completed form, each student will be issued an AVL card containing an individual user name and password. This user name and password will allow access to the AVL from any computer with Internet.

With this service through the library media centers of Arab City Schools, we will expand the use of technology and provide access to the resources available in our schools beyond the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.