What is the AVL?

The Alabama Virtual Library is the State of Alabama digital library. AVL is a legislated entity governed by a board of representatives from Higher Education, Community College System, K12, Public Libraries and the Alabama Supercomputer Authority. Members are appointed by their agency directors and work together to build a digital library of academic and general interest publications that benefit students from all four governing agencies, teachers, and the public. Funding is appropriated from the Education Trust Fund, and 94% of funds are spent on resources. The remaining 6% covers administrative costs. Resources are carefully selected and vetted to ensure the needs of Alabama citizens are met.

Funding Request FY18: $2,966,275 (5% increase from FY17 budget - $2,822,167)

- Most vendors have maintained level funding for 5 budget years.
- Increases in database costs will be inevitable in the FY18 budget year.
- An increase of 5% will only cover price increases to preserve current AVL resources. This does not allow for any needed new resources to meet the requests of governing agencies.
- The Alabama Virtual Library provides the only current resources available for many public, college and school libraries.
- AVL provides ad free, safe, and reliable information from databases not internet sources for students.
- Since the inception of the ACCESS Virtual Learning Program, no additional funds have been budgeted for AVL resources.

AVL Supports State-Wide Initiatives.

- AVL is Alabama’s only statewide digital library that is available to ALL citizens 24/7.
- AVL provides online resources for
  - ACCESS Virtual Learning program
  - Alabama Learning Exchange (ALEX)
  - Career Tech students for enhancing job skills
  - Workforce Development initiatives
- AVL provides reliable academic resources for students K-20.
- AVL provides online general interest resources for all citizens.

Who Benefits?

- ALL K12 Students
- ALL Community College Students
- ALL University Students
- ALL Teachers and Librarians
- ALL Citizens
Over 100,000 publications (journals, newspapers, magazines, reference resources, and books) are available to all citizens and students of Alabama.

**How Can You Help?** Contact your Alabama legislator and ask them to support funding of the AVL.

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