

Alabama Virtual Library

Hands- On Training

The Alabama Virtual Library is a free service of online databases with access to essential library and information resources that is provided to all students, teachers, and citizens in the State of Alabama. It may be accessed from any Internet compatible computer. This group of online databases includes reference books, magazines, journals, and newspapers for research. Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is accessible in the library, campus- wide, as well as remote locations. Any faculty member, staff, or student may obtain a Home Access Card which includes an assigned User ID and Password to use from remote locations. You must complete a short data form to receive a Lawson Home Access Card and provide a current Lawson State identification card to take advantage of this service.

AVL Training includes:

- Definition of a database
- Brief history and background of the Alabama Virtual Library
- Description of databases available in the Alabama Virtual Library
- Overview and comparison of databases
- Application of databases
- Detailed instruction in search strategies for individual databases

Internet Training includes:

- How to evaluate web-sites
- Description of important websites, their uses and applications
- Instruction in searching the web
- Demonstration of searching techniques



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