



**\* What is the Alabama Virtual Library?** *The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is a library.*

No matter where you live in Alabama, you have access to a world of magazines, newspapers, journals and reference books provided in digital form (subscription-based databases available via the Internet). The AVL can be used to answer reference questions, do homework, do research.

**\* How is the content organized?** The AVL consists of more than 50 databases. The content is available through (1) interfaces targeting specific users, e.g., student or adult and, (2) alphabetical listing of all available databases by title.

**\* How is the AVL different from other Internet resources?**

- AVL provides access to databases that are not free on the Internet
- It is possible to limit findings to refereed (scholarly) information
- AVL provides advertisement-free information
- AVL guarantees personal privacy
- AVL gives access only to authorized users
- Vendors agree to fair-use (U.S. Copyright) course-packs reserves links
- Quality databases are selected to fill needs in Alabama (The AVL Executive Council has a database selection committee in place.)

**\* Are these databases available to me away from campus?** Yes. Access to the AVL is controlled by the new geolocation software which was built into the site when it was redesigned. Generally, Citizens of the State of Alabama no longer have to have a login and password to access the site unless they live near the state line or access the AVL using an air card, cell phone, iPad, satellite, or U-verse. Users who use these devices for access may not be automatically authenticated and will need an AVL card. Also users who travel or live out of state will need an AVL card to access the resources. Cards may be obtained from your library of choice.

**\* What if I want more information about the AVL?** Visit the AVL web site –

<http://www.avl.lib.al.us>. FAQ's -- <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/FAQs/index.php>