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## What can I use the Alabama Virtual Library for?



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## How do I access the Alabama Virtual Library?



Click on the web address below.  
If you are unable to access any of the  
databases, contact your local library.

- ▣ Web Address: <http://www.avl.lib.al.us>



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**Welcome to the AVL**  
Learn more about the Alabama Virtual Library here.

**Welcome to the New Alabama Virtual Library!**  
This is the all new Alabama Virtual Library. We've made a lot of changes that will make the AVL more useful to users like you!

We recommend having the latest version of your favorite browser installed. [Internet Explorer 8](#) and [Firefox 3.5](#) or later will ensure that you have the best possible experience on the new Alabama Virtual Library site.

[See what's new on the AVL >>](#)  
[View all of our resources >>](#)

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**Gulf Oil Spill Resources on the AVL**  
Want to know more about the Gulf Oil Spill? Take a look at the AVL's special section for [Gulf Oil Spill Resources](#).

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## Which databases are available through AVL?

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**Student Resources**  
Sort by age group.

- Home
- View All Resources
- Elementary Resources
- Middle School Resources
- High School Resources
- College & University
- Adult Resources

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**View All Resources** [Bookmark this page](#)

Select the appropriate age group on the left to view the most relevant resources for your research.

[Try the new searchable View All Page \(beta\)](#)

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**Databases and Resources:**

- Academic OneFile
- Academic Search Premier
- Alabama Libraries
- AlabamaMosaic
- Alt HealthWatch
- Annals of American History
- Auto Repair Reference Center
- Biography Reference Bank
- Book Collection: Nonfiction
- Britannica Online Academic Edition
- Britannica Online Public Library Edition
- Britannica Online School Edition
- Business and Company Resource Center
- Business Index
- Business Source Premier
- EBSCO Search
- Enciclopedia Juvenil
- Enciclopedia Universal en Español
- Enciclopedia of Alabama
- Informe (Spanish)
- InfoTrac General OneFile
- InfoTrac Student Edition
- Kids InfoBits
- Kids Search
- LegalTrac
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts
- Literature Resources from Gale
- MasterFILE Premier
- MedlinePlus
- Military & Government Collection
- Newspaper Source
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Oxford Reference Online Premium
- Professional Collection (Education)
- Professional Development Collection
- PubMed
- Regional Business News

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## Databases continued

- [Business Index](#)
- [Business Source Premier](#)
- [EBSCO Search](#)
- [Enciclopedia Juvenil](#)
- [Enciclopedia Universal en Español](#)
- [Encyclopedia of Alabama](#)
- [ERIC](#)
- [Ethnic NewsWatch](#)
- [Expanded Academic ASAP](#)
- [Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia](#)
- [Gale PowerSearch](#)
- [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)
- [General Reference Center Gold](#)
- [GreenFILE](#)
- [Health Source: Consumer Edition](#)
- [Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#)
- [History Reference Center](#)
- [Image Collection via MasterFILE Premier](#)
- [Oxford English Dictionary](#)
- [Oxford Reference Online Premium](#)
- [Professional Collection \(Education\)](#)
- [Professional Development Collection](#)
- [PubMed](#)
- [Regional Business News](#)
- [Scribner Writers Series](#)
- [Searchasaurus](#)
- [Serials Solutions](#)
- [SIRS Discoverer](#)
- [SIRS Government Reporter](#)
- [SIRS Issues Researcher](#)
- [SIRS Knowledge Source](#)
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## Business Resources

### College/University - Business Resources

(Gale) [Business and Company Resource Center](#)

- detailed company and industry news
- articles from periodicals, company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, and chronologies

(Gale) [Business Index](#)

- articles and images from academic and business journals
- management issues, economic indicators and business theories and practices

(EBSCO) [Business Source Premier](#)

Full text articles and images from nearly 7,600 periodicals business, marketing, management, MIS, POM, economics, finance, banking, accounting, etc. Datamonitor Company Profiles

(EBSCO) [Regional Business News](#)

full text coverage for regional business publications incorporates coverage of 75 business journals, newspapers and newswires from all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States

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## Dictionary and Encyclopedias

Britannica Online Academic Edition (*Britannica*) [Britannica Academic Edition](#)

- designed for college and university libraries
- includes World Data Analyst, Gateway to the Classics, and Notable Quotations

### [Merriam-Webster Dictionary](#)

Oxford English Dictionary (*Oxford University Press*) [Oxford English Dictionary](#)

- guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past
  - traces the usage of words through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international English language sources, from classic literature and specialist periodicals to film scripts and cookery books
- Four age-appropriate encyclopedias
- current magazine and journal articles
  - Merriam-Webster's Collegiate and Student Dictionaries and Thesauri (audio pronunciations)
  - world atlas
  - Learning Materials correlated to the Alabama State Standards

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**College/University - Dictionary/Encyclopedia**

- [Britannica Academic Edition](#)  
Britannica Online  
School Edition
- [Oxford English Dictionary](#)  
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- [Merriam-Webster Dictionary](#)  
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## E-Books

### College/University - E-Books

(Gale) [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

-encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research

(Oxford University Press) [Oxford Reference Premium](#)

-language and subject reference works from one of the world's biggest reference publishers into a single cross-searchable resource  
fully-indexed, cross-searchable database of these books

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## Literature Resources

### (EBSCO) Academic Search Premier

- full text and images
- biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, psychology, religion & theology, etc.
- Magazines, journals, and periodicals.
- General reference for advanced high school and college undergraduate students
- Indexes 2,600 journals with full text articles from 1,400 titles
- Arts, humanities, social sciences, and science and technology
- National news periodicals, general interest magazines, newswires, and the New York Times

### Expanded Academic ASAP

### Gateway to the Classics

Search environment, designed specifically for literature research, that searches Gale Literature databases at the same time

### Literature Resources from Gale

#### (Oxford University Press) Oxford English Dictionary

- guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past
- traces the usage of words through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international English language sources, from classic literature and specialist periodicals to film scripts and cookery books

#### (Oxford University Press) Oxford Online Reference

language and subject reference works from one of the world's biggest reference publishers into a single cross-searchable resource fully-indexed, cross-searchable database of these books

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## Maps

### [World Atlas](#)

### *(Britannica)* [World Data Analyst](#)

- online tool lets students analyze countries at a glance
- detailed statistical comparisons of countries around the world, using both the most recent statistics and historical figures
- create tables, charts, and even export the information to a spreadsheet for printing and data crunching

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## Special Collections

### Alabama Mosaic

- Alabama's Digitization Project
- unique historical treasures from Alabama's archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories
- [Encyclopedia of Alabama](#)
- Free, online resource on Alabama history, culture, geography, and natural environment
- Encyclopedia of Alabama

### Britannica Online School Edition (*Britannica*)

- four age-appropriate encyclopedias
- current magazine and journal articles
- Merriam-Webster's Collegiate and Student Dictionaries and Thesauri (audio pronunciations)
- world atlas
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The main content area is titled "College/University - Special Collections" and lists three categories:

- Alabama Mosaic**: Includes a thumbnail image of a mosaic.
- Video Collection**: Includes a thumbnail image of a video player with the text "Britannica Online" and "Video Collection".
- Encyclopedia of Alabama**: Includes a thumbnail image of the "Encyclopedia of Alabama" logo.

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# Advantages of Alabama Virtual Library

- 🌐 AVL is Free
- 🌐 AVL is Easy to Access
- 🌐 AVL is Comprehensive
- 🌐 AVL is FUN!

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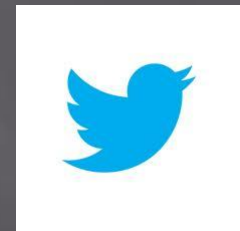
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