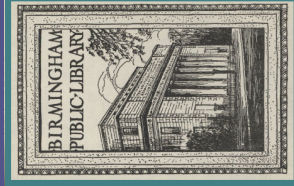


Your Library Works for YOU

Notable Distinctions

- Rare books, maps and pamphlets that are unique or scarce worldwide
- Authors of more than 220 books conducted research in the Archives Department
- More than 30 works researched were nominated for or received national awards including the Peabody Award, the Pulitzer Prize, and the Academy Award



Preserving the Past

Exploring the Future

Self-Service Options

- Patron-placed holds
- Self-checkout at 5 locations
- Hold-pickup stations
- Wireless internet access

Technology

- 553 computers and growing
- 24/7 branch always open at www.bplonline.org
- Coin-operated print release stations
- Video conferencing
- Instant messaging (IM)
- Internet podcasts, videos and photo sharing
- Public blogs
- Staff blogs
- Wikis

The Birmingham Public Library

Preserving the Past, Exploring the Future

Who we are
What we do



Birmingham Public Library

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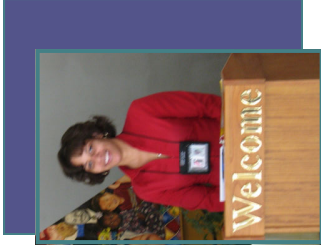
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The mission of the Birmingham Public Library is to provide the highest quality library service to our citizens for lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and enjoyment.

The Largest Public Library in Alabama

Staff

- 301 well-trained employees, more than 80 master's degrees
- 18.9 hours of training per person each year
- National committee positions in the American Library Association and the Public Library Association
- National participation in the Urban Libraries Council and the Innovative Interfaces Users Group
- Presenters at county, state and national meetings and conventions and at international conferences in Iceland and England
- Contributor to Alabama Mosaic
- Contributor to the Encyclopedia of Alabama



- Primary materials dating to the 1700s
- More than 100 online databases
- 1.5 million titles circulated in 2007
- 1.8 million titles used in the libraries in 2007
- Only public library in the state that is a Patent and Trademark Library
- One of the oldest Federal Depository Libraries, designated in 1895
- Online content developed in-house

Facilities

- 20 separate locations
- 946 hours per week open for business
- 375,000 total square feet
- Public spaces for meetings and exhibits
- Systemwide service from all outlets
- Interlibrary lending, fast delivery

Major Awards

- 2 national Be-Innovative Awards
- 3 John Cotton Dana Awards
- Allie Beth Martin Award
- SIRS Celebrates America's Libraries Award
- Alabama Library Association's Blue Ribbon Award
- Family Tree Magazine's one of the top 10 libraries in the U.S. for the study of genealogy

Outreach

- Issue and update cards to children in Head Start through 9th grade in the annual programs - Off to a Great Start, Licensed to Read, WILD Card and Between the Lions
- Average over 50 collaborative partnerships per year
- Loaned 10 prints from the 17th-century to the Art Institute of Chicago, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
- Developed Common Bonds, Gee's Bend and other traveling exhibits
- Staff participates in community events and charities

Outstanding Programming

- Children's summer reading and author and storyteller events
- Alabama Bound and Local Authors Expo
- BPL@ Night and Family Nights
- Brown Bag Lunch Wednesdays and Tech Tuesdays
- BestSellers Club
- Read It Forward

