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Alabama Virtual Library

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources are available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across the state.

**Beginning August 2010~home users will not have to have a card! The Alabama Virtual Library uses geo-location technology to authenticate Alabama residents, and this technology will grant allows most Alabama residents to access AVL from their homes without the need for a username and password.

If the geo-location technology is unable to "recognize" a user as an Alabama resident, then residents may login with an AVL Card. AVL Cards may also be used to gain access when a resident is traveling outside the state. Visit your local public library/or college library to request an AVL (remote access) card. K-12 students/staff in public schools may obtain a card from their school library.

Salem Health

Salem Health brings online access to Salem Press' award-winning health reference works. The first reference set included is Salem Press' best-selling *Magill's Medical Guide*. In its printed form, the current edition of the *Guide* ix six volumes and 3,500 pages. Even better, the purchase of the printed set entitles a school or library to free online access to the *Medical Guide's* content.

Magill's Medical Guide, in its various editions, has been glowingly reviewed by every major reference reviewer. It is a staple in high school, college, public and medical school libraries. The *Guide* is a perfect mix of accessibility and depth, providing general readers with an authoritative reference source that helps bridge the gap between medical encyclopedias for professionals and popular self-help guides. It is an up-to-date and easy-to-use compendium of medical information suitable for student research as well as use by general readers, including patients and caregivers.

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