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AVL Provides Additional Online Resources for Alabama's Students and Teachers

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The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is providing access to additional online educational resources for free during the COVID-19 public health crisis. As a result, Alabama's teachers and students will have access to thousands of additional electronic books and periodicals, as well as educational software and databases, to support their move to online instruction. Links to the new resources are available on the AVL's "All Resources" page (avl.lib.al.us/resources/all).

"Alabama's educators trust and value the AVL because they know that other educators vet the resources, they're accessible 24/7, and all Alabamians have equal access to them," said Renee Marty, AVL Board Chair and Librarian at Wallace State Community College. "We are grateful to the State of Alabama and our vendors for making these world-class resources available to all schools and libraries throughout the state, many of whom couldn't afford them on their own."

Many of the additional resources will be available until June 15, 2020. These additional resources enhance the AVL's vast existing collection of resources aimed at audiences from elementary school students through college students, along with some resources for adults and job-seekers. Here are a few examples of the additional resources now available to Alabamians at no cost to them:

- Visible Body is a 3-D anatomy atlas that replicates the lab setting for high school and college students.
 - Models that can be studied from any angle and varying zoom levels
 - Dissection Tool provides real lab experience
- PreStep for High Schools is where students go to find tests, tutorials, & e-books:
 - Prepare for the ACT, SAT, and other tests
 - Improve core English, math, and science skills
 - Acquire basic computer science skills
- PebbleGo Science: "Discover physical, life, and earth & space sciences, along with engineering, technology, and their applications."
 - Educational games
 - Videos
 - Read-aloud Capabilities (audio descriptions)

Here is what Savanna Ponder, who is a kindergarten teacher at Cullman City Primary School, has to say about one, “Pebble Go is a resource that allows students to research and investigate topics found within our science and social studies standards. This tool allows information to be read aloud to the students. It also provides short video clips for some topics. As a kindergarten teacher, my students get so excited when I use this resource! They find the information so fascinating and intriguing. I hear them discussing what they learned on the playground during recess!”

Along with the additional resources, AVL has stepped up support services to assist students and educators. The AVL Help Desk is available 24/7 to help with AVL resource access or other technical issues. To ensure that all Alabama students, teachers and residents have access to AVL resources *from home*, the AVL Help Desk can set up access for any Alabamian through their existing Internet service.

The Alabama Virtual Library is funded by the Alabama Education Trust Fund and is available free of charge to all students and citizens in Alabama. It contains online databases that have magazine, journal and newspaper articles for research. Additional information may be found at avl.lib.al.us or on Twitter: @ALVirtualLib and AVL Facebook: Alabama Virtual Library.