If your library needs assistance providing Interlibrary Loan service, the 800# is available to you! We provide ILL service to all libraries lacking access to ILLiad or WorldShare, and offer guidance utilizing WorldShare for any library in the state. In combination with reference support (available to all Alaskan libraries), the 800# number can fill requests for materials on countless topics even if your patron don’t have specific titles! Ensuring Alaskans have access to library materials and services regardless of the size or location of their community takes the cooperation and generosity of the state’s larger collections as well as the dedication of staff and volunteers who work hard to keep small town and village libraries open.

The 800# service provides a link between these two groups!

“Anchorage, AK 99503

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800# Interlibrary Loan & Reference Service
Call: 1-800-261-2838
Email: apl800@muni.org
Fax: 1-907-343-2837
Eleanor Specs
Anchorage Public Library
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, AK 99503

Nenana Library Patron Angelina Bolton with one of her Interlibrary Loan Books

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

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-Darcia Grace, Nenana City Librarian

In addition to books and movies, libraries using the 800# service can request articles from academic and professional periodicals, usually delivered by email. One Nenana resident who has received articles from professional journals as part of her studies to become a doula writes, “I want to give special thanks to the local librarians here in Nenana, Alaska because they are so supportive of my learning. The local library really cares for its people. We, here in Nenana, need it. I feel very encouraged, affirmed, valued and truly loved. Because I am sharing what I am reading—we often engage in an ongoing open dialog. This allows a clear exchange of new ideas and information. We are all enriched by this blessing… The interlibrary loan system is such a big part of the library experience. Thanks to the network of support from those who work exclusively with interlibrary loan—the library is better able to meet the true needs of the community. Thank you.”

-Nenana Public Library’s patrons receive over 300 items a year through interlibrary loan, helping to support a vibrant library community dedicated to education. “As a librarian I am totally excited about Interlibrary Loan. We have a small library and a small budget. However, with Interlibrary Loan we have this really huge library where everyone can access educational materials,” says City Librarian Darcia Grace. Both families homeschooling their children and adults seeking to further their education take advantage of ILL. “We have approx. 15-20 homeschooling families… they are doing study units, research projects, and supplementing their curriculum with books they get through Interlibrary loan. We have several [adult] community members who are taking long distance classes and are using Interlibrary Loan resources to help...”

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The 800# service supports education across the state by working with local libraries to put books and documentaries into the hands of teachers; through Dillingham Public Library, a teacher used the 800# service to ensure each of her students had their own copy of a book or class was reading and in Metlakatla, Centennial Public Library was able to help a local teacher find a documentary to borrow from the Egan Library at University of Alaska Southeast. Early literacy efforts at Auniq Public Library are getting a boost with the help of kits provided by Anchorage Public Library and the Ready to Read Resource Center. Libraries can also support adult readers with Book Club Kits from Anchorage Public Library. With over 140 titles to choose from, each kit provides 8-10 books and a discussion guide for patron use or easy library programming.

Seldovia Public Library and many other small town libraries rely heavily on volunteers—sometimes exclusively—working to make the most of limited space and resources. For the residents of these small communities around the state, the 800# service helps to provide a vital link to the training, resources, and professional reference support which enable volunteers to provide their communities with a full range of quality library services.

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This service is made possible thanks to the cooperation of libraries across the state and the support of:

- ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
- ANCHORAGE STATE LIBRARY

Any library in the state can contact the 800# service to receive professional reference support free of charge from the reference librarians at Anchorage Public Library.