



ALABAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

*Supporting Public Libraries Statewide*

## **APLS / IT Division – Web development and hosting**

APLS offers website development and hosting free of charge to Alabama's public libraries. This is a service of APLS in an effort to provide smaller rural libraries with a basic website and an opportunity to have a presence on the web.

### **Some information that you may want to include in your website**

- Link to your online card catalog
- Calendar of events
- Links to resources (such as Chilton, Ancestry and Homework AL)
- Links to city and county resources
- Library Internet use policy
- Library card rules and fees
- Hours of operation

### **Requirements for an APLS hosted website**

- The library must purchase their domain name (cost varies but averages \$10 per year, this can be purchased through a site like Godaddy.com)
- It is the responsibility of the library to pay the renewal for the domain name each year
- APLS must have your login information to the domain registrars so that APLS can forward your domain to your website
- A picture of your Library (exterior or interior) to be used on your website
- Color scheme you would like for your site, if you have a preference

### **Process for requesting a website from APLS**

Download and fill out the APLS website development form, found at the bottom of the services page of the Information Technology section of the APLS website or download it [here](#)

Send the form along with your domain name and registration information to [webmaster@apls.state.al.us](mailto:webmaster@apls.state.al.us) along with your color preference and any special instructions that you may have for your website.

If you have questions about any of this information or about requesting an APLS hosted website, please call the helpdesk at 334-213-3986 for assistance