

**ALASKA CONTENT STANDARDS
LIBRARY/INFORMATION LITERACY**

A. A student should understand how information and resources are organized.

A student who meets the content standard should:

- 1) recognize that libraries use classification systems to organize, store and provide access to information and resources;
- 2) understand how library classification and subject heading systems work;
- 3) understand how information in print, non-print and electronic formats is organized and accessed;
- 4) search for information and resources by author, title, subject or key word, as appropriate; and
- 5) identify and use search strategies and terms that will produce successful results.

B. A student should understand and use research processes necessary to locate, evaluate and communicate information and ideas.

A student who meets the content standard should:

- 1) state a problem, question or information need;
- 2) consider the variety of available resources and determine which are most likely to be useful;
- 3) access information;
- 4) evaluate the validity, relevancy, currency and accuracy of information;
- 5) organize and use information to create a product; and
- 6) evaluate the effectiveness of the product to communicate the intended message.

C. A student should recognize that being an independent reader, listener, and viewer of material in print, non-print, and electronic formats will contribute to personal enjoyment and lifelong learning.

A student who meets the content standard should:

- 1) read for pleasure and information;

- 2) read, listen, and view a wide variety of literature and other creative expressions; and
- 3) recognize and select materials appropriate to personal abilities and interests.

D. A student should be aware of the freedom to seek information and possess the confidence to pursue information needs beyond immediately available sources.

A student who meets the content standard should:

- 1) know how to access information through local, national and international sources in printed and electronic formats;
- 2) recognize the importance of access to information and ideas in a democratic society;
- 3) access information on local, state, national and world cultures and issues;
- 4) evaluate information representing diverse views in order to make informed decisions; and
- 5) assimilate and understand how newly acquired information relates to oneself and others.

E. A student should understand ethical, legal and social behavior with respect to information resources.

A student who meets the content standard should:

- 1) use library materials and information resources responsibly;
- 2) understand and respect the principles of intellectual freedom;
- 3) understand and respect intellectual property rights and copyright laws; and
- 4) develop and use citations and bibliographies.