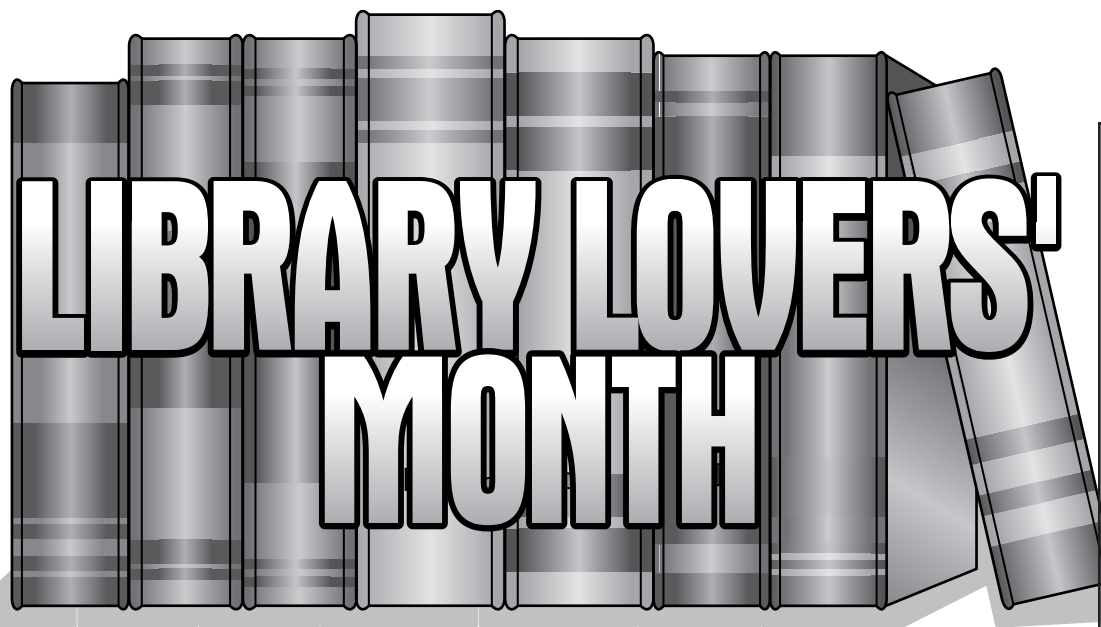


# EducationLINK

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## LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

*Libraries are non-profit organizations that depend on the support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to help ensure that libraries remain free to the millions of people who visit in person or via the web each year. February has been designated as Library Lover's Month. The following activities are designed to provide educators with some activity ideas on how to teach about the importance of libraries using the Anchorage Daily News as your textbook.*

"I am proud to do what I can to support our libraries and their librarians. Without them, and without this basic American right to read a book -- any book -- regardless of one's socioeconomic status, we will surely be less free as a people."  
-Michael Moore, Author/Filmmaker

**Activity:** What is your favorite book and why? Write a poem expressing this. Find articles in the Anchorage Daily News that discuss matters also found in your favorite book.

**Activity:** Look through the Anchorage Daily News book reviews to see if there are any books that pique your interest. Write your own book review of something that you've recently read.

**Activity:** Make enough paper hearts for every student in your classroom. Ask your students to draw their favorite book character on the heart. Use the hearts to decorate a bulletin board entitled "February is Library Lovers' Month." You can make additional hearts in pastel colors. Label them with slogans such as, "Books are Sweet," "My Love Speaks Volumes," "You can Book on My Love", etc.

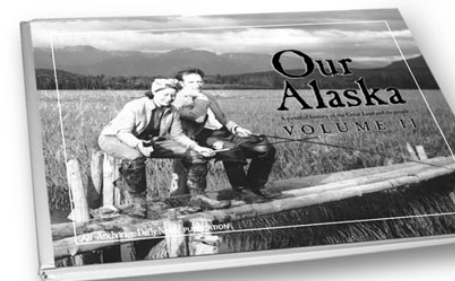
**Activity:** Why do we need libraries? Have your students explore this topic and write a paragraph explaining their opinion about it.

**Activity:** What can you do for your library to celebrate Library Lovers Month? Write a plan about your idea. Look through the Anchorage Daily News to see what kinds of events are listed for this month at your local library.

**Activity:** Ask your students to finish the following sentence - Today I went to the library. It is one of my favorite places because.....

**Activity:** Have your students choose a famous author and research them at the library to create a presentation to give to the class about this person.

**Activity:** Cut out information, photos, words, comic strips, and pictures from the Anchorage Daily News that would make a good character sketch of an interesting person. Some things to think about are personality, foods, entertainment, clothing, etc. Put all of these things together to form a character and write a short story with them as the main character.



## Speaking of Books....

*Don't miss the special Our Alaska Volume II curriculum unit that can be found at [www.adn.com/nie](http://www.adn.com/nie). This curriculum unit features many fun activities for a variety of grade levels and ages using the Our Alaska Volume II book, a photo album of Alaskan history told through photos taken by Alaskans in the last century.*



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