Vision
As the premier organization representing rural and small libraries, ARSL recognizes the uniqueness of small and rural libraries and is committed to providing an environment that encourages excellence within this community of practice, supporting their goals of service and speaking on behalf of this important constituency.

Mission
The Association for Rural & Small Libraries provides resources and support that empower those in small and rural libraries to deliver excellent service for their communities.

Milestones
- The University of Washington Information School became the first student chapter of ARSL (sARSL)
- ARSL Vice President participated in the IMLS Focus Group: Strategic Priorities 2015
- Clarion University began working with ARSL members to implement a rural studies program for library science students
- This was our first year to have a conference t-shirt

Ongoing Projects
- Co-sponsored Big Talk from Small Libraries Online Conference with the Nebraska Library Commission
- ARSL Board participated in meetings with the Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries to provide the small/rural perspective
- Renewed membership in SHLB and developed a more active role in current E-rate issues
- Sponsorship for an ALA Emerging Leader was continued
- An updated ARSL Strategic Plan was approved
- Public Libraries and STEM Conference
- Library schools are encouraged to apply for Student Chapter status
- ARSL is serving on the Advisory Group for the Research Institute for Public Libraries
- ARSL is serving on the ALA Policy Revision Committee
- ARSL serves on committees with the Space Science Institute
- Co-sponsored 5 WebJunction webinars for rural libraries
- Serving on the Digital Inclusion Project
- Membership in 48 states and 4 Canadian Provinces

"Having never attended a national conference, my experience with the 2014 ARSL Conference in Tacoma was wonderful. It was relevant to my small library setting and I came away with a lot of things to think about and employ at the library."

Sabrina Frederick, Director
Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library, Fort Branch, Indiana
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States Offering Conference Scholarships & Grants for Their Librarians

Alabama • Alaska • California • Idaho • Kansas • Maryland • Minnesota • Mississippi • Missouri • New Mexico • North Carolina • North Dakota • South Carolina • Utah • Virginia • Washington • Wyoming

Our Annual Conference Engages Members

2007 Columbus, OH
2008 Sacramento, CA
2009 Gatlinburg, TN
2010 Denver, CO
2011 Frisco, TX
2012 Raleigh, NC
2013 Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA
2014: Tacoma, Washington
2015: Little Rock, Arkansas
2016: North Dakota/Minnesota
ANTICIPATED
2017: St. George, Utah
2018: Illinois
2019: New England

Our Financials are Healthy

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BE A VOLUNTEER

ARSL is a volunteer driven organization! Everything we do is a result of volunteers who care about rural and small libraries rolling up their sleeves and making it happen! If you feel inspired to make a difference, sign up online to become a volunteer and take part with one of our committees. If you have a special talent you would like to share, let us know. There are many ways you can contribute to rural and small libraries. http://arsl.info/faqs-contact-us/

PROMOTE ARSL AT YOUR NEXT CONFERENCE!

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ARSL conferences are great, but the most important thing to me is the opportunity to network through both the conference and listserve. I have met people in similar boats across the country, learned fresh ideas, helped some, and grown tremendously for the experience. If nothing else, being an active part of ARSL helps you to remain focused, gives you peers to lean on, and empowers one to strive for excellence in their library.”

John Paul Myrick, Executive Director/Regional Librarian
East Central Arkansas Regional Library System, Wynne, Arkansas