



Resources for Families in Southcentral Alaska

Recommended by Building Bonds Through Books

In addition to the book provided by BBTB, here are some resources families may find helpful in navigating education as well as community resources. We have also provided a supplemental reading list that your local librarian may help you find!

1. Anchorage Public Library Kits (all ages)

<https://www.anchoragelibrary.org/books-plus-movies-plus-music/find-it/kits/>

APL has pulled together the best resources to help you make the most of your library checkout. Have a child learning to read or who just loves to build? Getting ready for a job interview? The Anchorage PL has a kit for you! Use your library card to take home one of these kits, conveniently packaged in a tote bag or plastic tub.

2. Anchorage Public Library - Stem Kits

(ages 6-12)

<https://www.anchoragelibrary.org/services/services-for/kids/stem-kits/>

These kits are designed to provide hands-on interaction and creative learning with STEM concepts while complementing ASD's science curriculum standards. Items can be picked up from the Youth Services desk at the Z. J. Loussac Library **or placed on hold for pick-up at any APL location.**

3. Anchorage Public Library - Kids and Teen Services

<https://www.anchoragelibrary.org/services/services-for/kids/> or [/services/services-for/teens/](https://www.anchoragelibrary.org/services/services-for/teens/)

The APL provides services and hosts events for children and teens alike! Check out the monthly schedule for events like Arts & Crafts, Saturday Stories (Children), and Teen Game Time & Volunteer Thursdays (Teens)

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

4. Comprehensive Resource Guide for Alaskan Youth and Young Adults (teens)

<https://alaskabehavioralhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/YouthResourceGuide.pdf>

In May 2020, the transition age youth staff developed this comprehensive resource guide for Anchorage youth. We can't guarantee it will always be up to date, please inform them about needed changes. The Peer Outreach Workers at the POWER Center in person or by phone at **907-929-2633**.

Reading List:

Ages 3-8:

- Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba & Bria Royal
- Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty
- Our Moms (Living with Incarcerated Parents) by Q. Futrell
- Kennedy's Big Visit by Daphne Brooks
- My Daddy's in Jail by Anthony Curcio

Ages 8-12:

- Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart by Vera B Williams
- Jakeman by Deborah Ellis
- An Inmate's Daughter by Jan Walker

Ages 12+:

- All I Ever Wanted...Stories of Children of the Incarcerated by Erika Duncan, Tanasha Y. Gordon

Parents/Guardians:

- Children with Incarcerated Mothers Separation, Loss, and Reunification by Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Danielle Dallaire

