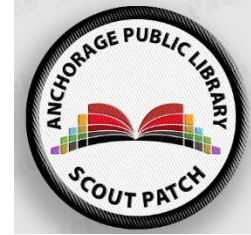


# Anchorage Public Library Scout Patch Program



The Anchorage Public Library serves the Municipality of Anchorage, with five locations from Eagle River to Girdwood. APL is a wonderful asset to the community, building strong, educated people and constantly evolving to meet our patrons' needs. Our programming is inclusive of all backgrounds. The library is a place where people can meet others who are different from themselves, spreading ideas and cultures across different communities. This patch will educate Girl Scouts about the variety of in-person and online resources available from APL and help them understand how our library creates a strong community.

Anchorage Public Library mission: Connecting people to education, information, and community.

Anchorage Public Library history: The first Anchorage library appeared in the new tent city on Ship Creek in 1917. Today's bustling Anchorage Public Library circulates over 1.7 million books, media, and digital materials a year. The main Z.J. Loussac Library and its four neighborhood libraries (Chugiak-Eagle River, Mountain View, Muldoon and Girdwood's Gerrish locations) serve over 940,000 visitors each year. This exceeds total attendance at the Sullivan Arena by more than 74%. Additionally, over 60,000 children and adults participate in library programs each year.

For more information visit: [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org)

**Here is how to earn this patch!** All scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life USA, and more) are eligible to earn a patch.

**At Home** – Learn about the library and the many resources available in a library or online!

**At the Library** – Visit the library for a tour!

**Take Action** – Get a library card and start using library resources to discover your world!

*Step One:* Before coming to the library, apply online for your library card. Some activities like the online scavenger hunt can be done before the library tour or during the library visit.

*Step Two:* Schedule a tour and visit at any Anchorage Public Library location.

Patches are provided by the library at your visit and tour. Library staff is available to lead a tour and answer questions – troop leaders & adults are expected to lead scouts through the remaining activities. Computers and space can be reserved for your group.

## Materials Needed

- Pen & Paper; optional art supplies
- Computer or tablet & internet access (grades 4 & up, this part can be done at the library)

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## *All ages:*

1. Get at least one library card for your family. (This can be done on tour day. The library card application can be filled out online in advance.)
2. Visit the library for a tour.
3. Discover and be able to name at least three types of items the library checks out!
4. [OPTIONAL] Design a poster, write a skit, make a video or other ad or artwork to encourage people to visit the library. Highlight at least one great service, event, or resource at the library.

## *Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade stop here!*

## *Elementary school: (Grades 2 to 5)*

1. Do all the all ages activities above.
2. After your tour, complete the library scavenger hunt.
3. (Grades 4 to 5 only) Answer at least two questions in the online scavenger hunt using library databases. We recommend learning to use the library catalog first and then looking up in World Book or NoveList OR answering one on downloadable resources. This can be done online before you come in, or the librarian can teach you to use the databases as part of your tour!

## *Middle School: (Grades 6 to 8)*

1. Do all the all ages activities above.
2. Complete the online resources scavenger hunt. This can be done online before you come in or the librarian can teach you to use the databases as part of your tour!

## *High School: (Grades 9 to 12)*

1. Do all the all ages activities above.
2. Complete the online resources scavenger hunt. This can be done online before you come in or the librarian can teach you to use the databases as part of your tour!
3. Volunteer at the library! We have lots of ways to volunteer: Suggested time commitment is a minimum of 2 hours. Work with your librarian to find the best option for you.
  - a. During the school year, ask about Volunteer Fridays
  - b. Ask the librarian for a special project for you or your troop.
  - c. Volunteer at a special event or library program
  - d. Work with younger scouts during their library tours & visits to help them with their scavenger hunts.



For more information contact your closest Anchorage Public Library location, [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org)  
Or call the Youth Services department at 907-343-2841