



The Alberta Library

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



Breaking down barriers

Since 1997, The Alberta Library has grown into an award-winning organization working with over 290 member libraries to promote barrier-free access to information, ideas and culture.

Internationally recognized for collaboration and innovation, The Alberta Library is the result of the library community coming together to find better ways of providing services. With the support of the Government of Alberta, this investment of time, energy and resources has helped create one of the most progressive and dynamic library systems in North America.

As a result of partnerships, Albertans at even the smallest rural library have access to more than 30 million resources. In addition, the official launch of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library in 2007 created unprecedented access to a vast array of digital resources for Alberta's post-secondary learners, researchers and faculty.

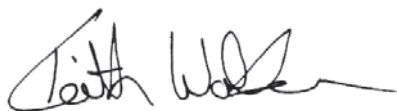
The benefits of a progressive library system are immense, including:

- improved literacy and education
- maximizing the value of the Alberta SuperNet
- improved access to information anytime, anywhere
- improved access to information for business and industry

The Alberta Library is truly helping to lay the foundation for a knowledge economy in the 21st century.

This report celebrates 10 years of The Alberta Library. Over the past decade, we have worked hard to help build a superb library system that improves the quality of life of all Albertans. Equally as important, we have created a foundation to work together to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Here's to the *next* 10 years.



Keith Walker
Chair, Board of Directors,
The Alberta Library





Breaking down barriers

The Challenge

In the 1990s libraries across Alberta faced a number of challenges and opportunities, including:

- the information explosion
- the development of new technologies
- the emergence of the Internet
- a changing government philosophy

The Plan

In a grassroots response, Alberta's library community came together to create a community-based plan. The plan was designed to:

- find creative solutions and seize new opportunities
- add value to products and services and create new services
- take advantage of new and emerging technologies
- achieve together what could not be done alone

The Alberta Library

This grassroots movement led to the creation of The Alberta Library (TAL) in 1997. TAL is a province-wide consortium that now serves over 290 member libraries across the province, including:

- public libraries
- regional library systems
- university libraries
- college and technical institute libraries
- special libraries

Breaking down barriers

TAL's Vision

Barrier-free access for all Albertans to information, ideas and culture.

TAL's Mission

To provide leadership in optimizing resources and services among member libraries in a dynamic model of collaboration.

TAL's Values

Cooperation and Collaboration: We embrace diverse interests and facilitate active participation in our activities.

Respect: We honour diversity in an atmosphere of inclusion and candour.

Innovation: We are a catalyst for positive change and continuously seek opportunities to enhance library services.

Learning: We support the development of a skilled and knowledgeable library community.

Accountability: We practice openness, and are responsible to the evolving needs of the Alberta library community.





Alberta Public Library Electronic Network

The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN) was created in 1997 in partnership with the Government of Alberta. An integral part of The Alberta Library, APLEN's mandate is the ongoing development of the public library network and provision of services to public libraries.

APLEN helps ensure that rural areas of Alberta have the same access to library programs and services that might otherwise be available in urban areas only. These programs and services include everything from quality online information resources to training for local library staff.

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library

Announced in 2005, the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library is funded by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and delivered by The Alberta Library.

Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library components:

- Developing a collection of digital resources to support research and learning across the province
- Licensing digital journals, books, reference materials and other specialized information to support the program needs of 35 Alberta post-secondary institutions
- Retrospective digitization of materials – from monographs to journals, newspapers, manuscripts, audio and video files, art, maps, artifacts, specimens and more
- Building the technical infrastructure, staff resources and information literacy programming to optimize the integration of digital content into learning environments for Albertans

2007 | A Year in Review



Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach officially launches the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library on September 28, 2007, with (from left) Norquest College President Wayne Shillington, University of Alberta President Indira Samarasekera, Jim Hole and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner.



Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library officially launched

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library, a cutting-edge digital resource that is changing the landscape of information accessibility for Alberta's learners, researchers and faculty, was officially launched in September at a number of Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

Premier Ed Stelmach, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner, Jim Hole and University of Alberta President Indira Samarasekera joined via video-conference with MLAs and other distinguished guests at SAIT (Calgary), Red Crow Community College (Blood Reserve), Portage College (Lac La Biche), Medicine Hat College and Red Deer College to showcase Alberta's leading digital library.

The digital library currently contains over 4.5 million items, including academic journals, encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, literary criticisms and video clips.



The Alberta Library named Centre of Excellence

Sun Microsystems named The Alberta Library a Centre of Excellence for Libraries focusing on digital collections – the first of its kind in Canada. This three-way partnership with Sun Microsystems Inc., the University of Alberta Libraries, and The Alberta Library, supports and promotes the work of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library initiative. The partnership will also assist with the development of an information technology infrastructure that enhances TAL's support of post secondary libraries, public libraries and public library systems across the province.





Jenny Levine of the American Library Association was just one of the keynote speakers at Netspeed 2007.

Netspeed 2007 conference

Over the past 10 years, The Alberta Library's annual *Netspeed* conference has evolved into a world-class opportunity for librarians, technical staff and trustees to explore new technologies in a connected world.

Netspeed 2007 featured keynote speakers who challenged conference participants to look at technology in new and thoughtful ways. Jenny Levine of the American Library Association and Cheryl Stewart of the Coastline Community College Virtual Library, took participants on a tour of the gaming universe, showing how gamers are creative problem solvers looking for new ways to interact. Well-known Canadian technology journalist Nora Young took conference participants on a thoughtful tour of the new media landscape.

First Nations College joins TAL

In November 2007, Red Crow Community College became the first First Nations post-secondary institute in the province to gain membership in The Alberta Library (TAL). The college's rich collection of Native American and First Nations materials benefits library users across the province, while the college benefits from TAL's focus on optimizing resources and services.

Approval of TAL's Strategic Plan, 2007-2011

After nearly 18 months of consultation and discussion with more than 200 participants, TAL's *Strategic Plan, 2007-2011* was completed and approved at the spring meeting of the Board of Directors. The Plan builds on TAL's strengths and commitment to improving library services through collaboration. The goals and strategies in the plan provide opportunities to grow and evolve, ensure a sound and sustainable corporate structure, and position TAL as a model of excellence.

Core Services

The Alberta Library provides a range of leading-edge library services.

TAL Card

A free TAL Card enables Albertans to walk into over 290 public, post-secondary and special libraries across the province, borrow material, and return it to any participating library. The card provides access to millions of books, journals and more.

In 2007, TAL welcomed six Capital Health libraries, Red Crow Community College library, Bow Valley College library and the Prairie Bible Institute library as new participants to the TAL Card program.

TAL Online

With TAL Online, all member libraries are the same size. TAL Online is a free, web-based search engine providing access to the catalogues of over 290 libraries province-wide. It enables users to search and access over 30 million items, including popular magazines, journals and newspapers. In 2007, there were nearly 476,000 searches, a 29 per cent increase over 2006.

Online Reference Centre

The Online Reference Centre (ORC), part of Alberta Education's *LearnAlberta.ca* website, provides a unique collection of online reference and information resources for students, teachers and parents in Alberta. Available in both English and French, these resources support the Alberta Kindergarten to Grade 12 programs of study.

In 2007, overall use of Online Reference Centre resources increased by approximately 10 per cent. Three new products were added to the ORC for Kindergarten to Grade 3 users. A total of 20 in-service sessions, for over 700 participants, were offered to educators throughout the province. The first ORC online professional development webinar was delivered to 26 instructors at Northern Lakes College.

Core Services

Ask A Question

With *Ask A Question* the public can e-mail a question any time and get an answer from qualified library reference staff – usually within 24 hours.

In 2007, the public asked over 12,000 questions, a 74 per cent increase over 2006. Public libraries accounted for 88 per cent of *Ask A Question* activity.

In a survey of Albertans, 93 per cent of Albertans reported satisfaction with the service they received through *Ask A Question*, 96 per cent said they would use the service again, and 89 per cent rated the service fast or very fast. One-third of the respondents had never asked a librarian for assistance before using this service.

The most popular *Ask A Question* topics include history, language, genealogy, health, law and literature.

In 2007, *Ask A Question* began a pilot project with the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies and the Grant MacEwan College Information Management and Library Technician program. Students answered over 500 questions as part of course requirements and participated in a student volunteer program that answered over 100 additional questions. Students reported this unique experience as extremely relevant and rewarding.





Licensing



Purchasing online resources can be a costly, time-consuming and specialized task for libraries. That's why The Alberta Library negotiates pricing for online resources such as magazines, journals and newspapers on behalf of its member libraries. This collaborative approach is a cost-effective way to improve access to information for Albertans.

The Subscriptions Alberta Universal Core is a suite of electronic products available to all member libraries. This rich collection of authoritative information includes over 650,000 items with nearly 50,000 full-text sources. Many subject areas are covered, including Agriculture, Business, Health, Popular Culture, Literature, Current Events and more.

Feedback from a 2006 survey emphasized satisfaction with the current product suite by members, but also highlighted a need to include more materials. As a result, the newly negotiated 2008 – 2010 Universal Core expanded to include new titles, including the Auto Repair Reference Centre and Heritage Quest. These popular resources will make the suite even more popular library users.

To further facilitate access, the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network subsidizes a large portion of the costs for public libraries. Post-secondary libraries receive the suite through the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library.

The Alberta Library continues to offer access to H.W. Wilson's Library Literature database to all member library staff.

The newly acquired Verde Electronic Management System is helping TAL better manage the growing number of licensed resources. TAL also hosts this application for the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary.



Core Services

Professional Development and Training

In 2007, TAL continued to coordinate and provide professional development and training opportunities for member libraries, including Fort McMurray Public Library, Northern Lights Library System, Cold Lake Public Library, Peace Library System, Grande Prairie Public Library and others. Topics included Web 2.0, Visual Course Builder and Web Awareness.

In addition, TAL provided training sessions at conferences throughout the province including the Parkland Regional Library Conference, the Alberta Library Conference, Peace Library System Conference, and Diamonds in the Rough Small Communities Conference. Topics included *Ask A Question*, Core Competencies for Technology, SuperNet and updates on TAL and APLEN.

In addition, TAL hosted the annual *Netspeed* conference in October 2007, with over 320 participants from across Canada.

In collaboration with the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, TAL hosted a three-day *Becoming A Master Instructor* training session in September 2007. Graduates of this NAIT-certified course gained new skills in developing and delivering adult learning material.

SuperNet

The Alberta SuperNet is a 13,000 kilometer, high-speed, fibre and wireless broadband network. It links government offices, schools, health-care facilities and libraries in 429 communities across Alberta and allows them to share information and deliver services at incredible speeds.

The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network SuperNet Project assists public libraries with connectivity and utilization of the Alberta SuperNet. Although work was essentially complete in 2007, the Alberta Government provided over \$300,000 through APLEN to address outstanding SuperNet issues at a number of libraries across the province.



Advocacy

In September, The Alberta Library made a presentation to the Alberta Government’s Cabinet Policy Committee on Managing Growth Pressures.

The committee, chaired by MLA David Coutts, reviews and makes recommendations on policies, programs and legislation; hears public and private submissions on a range of issues; monitors existing programs, services and legislation; and reviews budget implications of proposals.

TAL board members presented an overview of The Alberta Library’s accomplishments over the past 10 years and highlighted how the organization contributes to the Government of Alberta’s vision and strategic business plan goals.

The presentation was an opportunity to thank the Alberta Government for its support, and to highlight how the strength of our partnerships and collaboration is laying the foundation for the creation of a knowledge economy in the 21st century.

Communications

Funded by the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network, the *Library Renewed* campaign is designed to meet a number of objectives, including reinforcing the public library’s position as an agent for social and educational advancement and raising the profile of libraries as a great source of usable, accurate information.

As part of the campaign, Global Television Alberta completed a series of seven TV advertisements in 2007. A Global production team traveled the province, talking with librarians about their work and with patrons whose lives have been enriched by their local library. The series of 30 and 60-second ads ran a total of 974 times on Global Television Alberta in 2007.

Core Services

In October, 700,000 copies of an eight-page publication were distributed in 95 markets through daily and weekly newspapers across the province as part of the campaign. Produced by the Edmonton Journal, *Public Libraries ... a place for everyone* provided a look at many of the programs and services offered by public libraries across the province.

The *Library Renewed* campaign aimed to benefit all public libraries – many of whom could not afford to undertake this kind of promotion alone.

From October to December, The Alberta Library ran a series of ads on CKUA Radio promoting the TAL Card and Ask A Question. CKUA Radio attracts over 165,000 listeners with a network of transmitters that cover 85 per cent of Alberta's populated area.

Information Technology

The Information Technology Services team implemented a number of strategies to create a robust infrastructure for supporting current and future application requirements across The Alberta Library, and particularly for the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library.

Major team highlights include:

- developing security and core infrastructure
- establishing the infrastructure and applications required to support object repositories and to provide federated search capabilities across local and remote repositories
- evaluating, developing and implementing content and electronic resource management systems

In 2007, the EZProxy service, providing remote access to electronic services, expanded from 28 to 35 libraries, including six First Nations college libraries. This service was accessed by nearly 50,000 unique users, a total of almost 164,000 times. Unique user visits increased by six per cent and the number of total visits increased by 14 per cent.



SFX is an application that allows users to save time by quickly locating and accessing electronic resources and library services. In 2007, SFX had an increase of 12 per cent with nearly 118,000 hits. Of the resulting 61,000 clicks:

- nearly 36,000 were for full-text articles (an increase of 26 per cent)
- approximately 12,000 were for interlibrary loans
- over 8,000 were for catalogue searches

The APLEN Standing Committee approved three special projects grants to implement and evaluate new technologies in libraries.

The *WifiDog* project (\$18,500) will use SuperNet connectivity to provide wireless service to the community served by Strathcona County's bookmobile. The project will illustrate best practices in the setup and delivery of this type of service.

The *RISE* project (\$150,000) aims to unite public libraries through video conferencing services. The project, with Chinook Arch Regional Library, Marigold Library System and Shortgrass Library System, involves hardware selection, development and delivery.

The *Bibliocommons* project looks into the development of a social-networking interface for library patrons. A proposal to cost-share with Edmonton Public Library to help reduce costs was approved by the APLEN Standing Committee.

In 2007, the following sites received \$5,000 Local Library Participation Grants to assist with connecting to their network:

- Enchant Public Library
- Grassy Lake Public Library
- Hays Public Library
- Barnwell Public Library
- Chestermere Public Library
- Airdrie Public Library



Governance

The Alberta Library is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one representative from each of its member libraries.

The Alberta Library's Strategic Plan, 2007 - 2011 was approved at the spring meeting of the Board of Directors. The new plan reflects the commitment and optimism of our members and other stakeholders and will guide our actions as we work toward our vision with renewed determination, excitement and enthusiasm.

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors was preceded by a workshop on the duties and responsibilities of board members led by TAL's legal counsel Tom Achtymichuk of McCuaig Desrochers LLP.

Other major governance accomplishments in 2007:

- the completion of a comprehensive risk-assessment strategy for the organization
- a thorough review and revision of a number of key policies, including the Finance Policy
- an orientation session for new members of TAL's Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- the review and revision of The Alberta Library's Employee Handbook





The road ahead

Planning in 2007 helped The Alberta Library to be successful in securing funding under the Public Library Development Initiative for two projects: digitization and language learning software.

This funding enables TAL to begin plans to help preserve Alberta’s history by compiling an inventory and readying the rich and diverse body of resources held in public libraries across Alberta for digitization. Post-secondary institutions have been working in this area, but this will be a first for public libraries. Putting the building blocks in place for digitization fulfills The Alberta Library’s strategic initiative of coordinating digitization and long-term preservation of digitized resources among TAL members and TAL partners. This project will also allow The Alberta Library to lead and coordinate digital initiatives among TAL members and others looking for opportunities to partner on national and international projects.

The Language Learning Software grant will especially benefit new Canadians. The funding pays for a one year license of the software for every public library in Alberta. The goal of the project is to provide language learning software tools to those needing additional support. Libraries across Alberta will be able to provide the language learning software to their communities.

As video conferencing continues to grow in importance, the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network will participate in Service Alberta’s Video Conferencing Core Technical Committee, which has representation from all SuperNet sectors.

In addition, two technology-related committees will work in 2008 to assist the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network in developing services to optimize public libraries’ SuperNet use.

The Alberta Library enters its second decade with many promising prospects. 2008 will be a busy, productive year for libraries. As libraries continue to expand their services to Albertans, TAL is thrilled to be offering its support and to lead important new projects that benefit all library systems and their users.

2007 | Financial Statement

Below is a summary of the key financial indicators from the 2007 audited financial statement. A full copy of the audited statements is available upon request from The Alberta Library.

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted			Internally Restricted			Total
	Operating Fund	APLEN Fund	APLEN CAP Fund	Online Reference Centre Fund	Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Fund	Capital Asset Fund	Contingency Reserve Fund	General Reserve Fund	
Revenue	\$ 2,733,316	\$ 1,887,157	\$ -	\$ 1,566,008	\$ 5,309,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,495,979
Expenses	3,164,738	1,169,497	134,856	1,542,765	3,195,365	126,541	-	-	9,333,762
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(431,422)	717,660	(134,856)	23,243	2,114,133	(126,541)	-	-	2,162,217
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	990,593	171,395	143,931	3,285,410	332,755	-	460,680	5,384,764
Interfund transfers									
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-	(359,044)	359,044	-	-	-
Administrative costs	551,850	(225,000)	-	(70,000)	(256,850)	-	-	-	-
Other transfers	(120,428)	-	-	-	-	120,428	300,000	(300,000)	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 1,483,253	\$ 36,539	\$ 97,174	\$ 4,783,649	\$ 685,686	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,680	\$ 7,546,981

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Statement of Financial Position

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ASSETS									
Current Assets	\$ 148,396	\$ 1,510,197	\$ 36,539	\$ 97,878	\$ 4,858,581	\$ 171,873	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,680	\$ 7,284,144
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	513,813	-	-	513,813
	\$ 148,396	\$ 1,510,197	\$ 36,539	\$ 97,878	\$ 4,858,581	\$ 685,686	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,680	\$ 7,797,957
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Current Liabilities	\$ 148,396	\$ 26,944	\$ -	\$ 704	\$ 74,932	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,976
Fund Balances	-	1,483,253	36,539	97,174	4,783,649	685,686	300,000	160,680	7,546,981
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2007 | Board of Directors and Committee Members

The strength of The Alberta Library is the commitment of its members, who contribute to the common good by working to constantly improve library services for all Albertans. In 2007, members again contributed their talents, creativity, experience and time on the board and in committees that support The Alberta Library's strategic objectives.

Note: Lucy Pana, TAL CEO, is an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors and all committees.

* Indicates Executive Committee Member

2007 Board of Directors (as of December 31, 2007)

University and College Libraries

Karen Adams – University of Alberta
Sandy Ayer – Ambrose University College
Susan Bangrove – Lakeland College
John Burgess – Keyano College
Susan Brayford – Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Fiona Dyer – Lethbridge College
Ann Gish – Grande Prairie Regional College
Thomas Hickerson – University of Calgary
Joanne Kemp – Grant MacEwan College
*Helga Kinnaird – Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Veronica Lewis – Prairie Bible Institute
Alice McNair – Red Deer College
Colleen McPhee – Bow Valley College
Robin Minion – Olds College
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Barbara Palmer – Portage College
Helen Prosser – Northern Lakes College
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*Keith Walker (Chair) – Medicine Hat College
Mary Weasel Fat – Red Crow Community College
Kathy Zarft – NorQuest College

Regional Libraries

*Linda Duplessis – Peace Library System
Rowena Lunn – Marigold Library System
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Clive Maishment – Yellowhead Regional Library
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Julia Reinhart – Shortgrass Library System
Ron Sheppard – Parkland Regional Library

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Elizabeth Rossnagel – Lethbridge Public Library
Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins – Medicine Hat Public Library
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Sharon Siga – Strathcona County Library

Special Libraries

Sandra Perry – Legislature Library
James Rout – The Banff Centre Library

Province of Alberta

*Punch Jackson – Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing, Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services

Library Organizations

*Margaret Law – NEOS Library Consortium

Affiliate Members

Alberta Association of College Librarians
Alberta Association of Library Technicians
Alberta Library Trustees Association
Alberta Public Library Administrators Council
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Library Association of Alberta
The Business Link

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2007 | Board of Directors and Committee Members

Standing Committees

Advocacy Standing Committee

Nicolle Lemay – Grant MacEwan College Library
Rowena Lunn – Marigold Library System
Helen Prosser – Northern Lakes College Library
Marinus Swanepoel – University of Lethbridge Library
Shelley Sweet – Airdrie Public Library
Bill Rice (Staff Liaison) – The Alberta Library

APLEN Standing Committee

David Bahnmitter (Trustee) –
Medicine Hat Public Library (to March)
Sheila Bertram – Alberta Library Trustees Association
Linda Duplessis (Chair, from May) – Peace Library System
Bonnie Gray – Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services
Joanne Griener – Edmonton Public Library
Ellen Humphey – Calgary Public Library
Kelly Huxley – Oneway Public Library
Clive Maishment (Chair, to March) –
Yellowhead Regional Library System
Ron Sheppard – Parkland Regional Library System
Sharon Siga – Strathcona County Library
Larry Tiedemann (Trustee) – Northern Lights Library System
Karla Palichuk (Ex-Officio) – The Alberta Library

Finance Standing Committee

Margaret Law – NEOS Library Consortium
Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins – Medicine Hat Public Library
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Governance Standing Committee

Karen Adams – University of Alberta Libraries
Linda Duplessis – Peace Library System
Helga Kinnaird – Northern Alberta
Institute of Technology Library
Barbara Palmer (Chair) – Portage College Library
Craig Shufelt – Fort McMurray Public Library

Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Steering Committee

Karen Adams – University of Alberta Libraries
Joanne Griener (APLEN Liaison) – Edmonton Public Library
Thomas Hickerson – University of Calgary Library
Ernie Ingles (Chair)
Alice McNair – Red Deer College Library
Robin Minion – Olds College Library
Barbara Palmer – Portage College Library
Steve Schafer – Athabasca University Library
Marinus Swanepoel – University of Lethbridge Library
Mary Weasel Fat – Red Crow Community College Library
Dean Wood – Alberta Advanced Education and Technology
Kit Wilson (Ex-Officio) – The Alberta Library

Nominations/Elections Standing Committee

Laurie Harrison – Grande Prairie Public Library
Julia Reinhart – Shortgrass Library System



Service Committees

Ask A Question Service Committee

Harriet Arnold – Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Library
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Karen Labuik – Marigold Library System
Karen Mark – Calgary Public Library
Linda Slater – John W. Scott Health Sciences Library
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APLEN Technology Training Committee

Mary Jane Bilisland – Edmonton Public Library
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Sue Colp – Strathcona County Library
Heather Dolman – St. Albert Public Library
Leanne Drury (Chair, to February) – Northern Lights Library System
Barb Godkin – Chinook Arch Regional Library System
Susan Grieshaber-Otto – Parkland Regional Library
Patricia McNamee – Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing, Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services
Patricia Nelson – Edmonton Public Library
Julia Reinhart (Chair, from March) – Shortgrass Library System
Jack Rybak – Calgary Public Library
Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins – Medicine Hat Public Library
Cory Stier – Red Deer Public Library
Jennifer Tsuida – Fort McMurray Public Library
Katherine Wiebe – Peace Library System, Grande Prairie Public Library
Linda Williams – Marigold Library System
Robert Zylstra – Yellowhead Regional Library
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LHCADL Digitization Team

Thomas Hickerson – University of Calgary Library
Ernie Ingles (Chair) – University of Alberta Libraries
Steve Schafer – Athabasca University Library
Marinus Swanepoel – University of Lethbridge Library
Kit Wilson (Ex-Officio) – The Alberta Library

LHCADL Information Literacy and Awareness Committee

Meagan Bowler (Co-Chair) – Mount Royal College Library
Mona Crowe – Melting Tallow – Old Sun Community College Library
Michelle Edwards Thomson – Red Deer College Library
Nancy Goebel – University of Alberta Libraries
Karen Hering – Grant MacEwan College Library
Kay Johnson – Athabasca University Library
Peggy McKenzie – Old College Library
Shauna Rutherford (Co-Chair) – University of Calgary Library
Judy Vogt – University of Lethbridge Library
Kit Wilson – The Alberta Library (Ex-Officio)

LHCADL Resource Selection Committee

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Janet Denys – Yellowhead Tribal College Library
Fiona Dyer – Lethbridge College Library
Denise Koufogiannakis – University of Alberta Libraries
Joan Morrison – NorQuest College Library
Liz Pegoraro – Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Library
Christine Sammon – Alberta College of Art and Design Library
Lynette Toews-Neufeldt – Concordia University College Library
Kit Wilson (Ex-Officio) – The Alberta Library

Licensing Service Committee

Teresa Bendall – Alberta Government Library, Service Alberta
Thea de Vos – Edmonton Public Library
Joye Hardman (Chair) – Calgary Public Library
Karen Labuik – Marigold Library System
Barbara Marshalsay – University of Lethbridge Library (to March)
Kristine Plastow – Red Deer College Library
Julia Reinhart – Shortgrass Library System
Christine Sammon – Alberta College of Art and Design
Karen Schlegl – Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Library
Christa Foley (Staff Liaison) – The Alberta Library



Thank you

The Alberta Library thanks the Government of Alberta for the vision, leadership and financial support that encourages innovation, collaboration and resource-sharing in Alberta's dynamic and progressive library system.

Specifically, The Alberta Library thanks:

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