

**MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
 Board of Management  
**Saturday, November 26, 2016**  
 Irricana Community Hall  
**Irricana, Alberta**  
**MINUTES**

**MARIGOLD BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

ACME	Daniel Leronowich	1
BEISEKER	Sharon King	2
BIG HORN M.D.#8	Lynda Lyster	3
CANMORE	Judith Smith	4
CARBON	Guss Nash	5
CHESTERMERE	Lennox Gomes	6
COCHRANE	Susan Roper	7
CROSSFIELD	Jo Tennant	8
DELIA	Janice Hoover	9
DRUMHELLER	Margaret Nielsen	10
FOOTHILLS M.D.	Eleanor Chinnick	11
GHOST LAKE	Donna Bauer	12
HANNA	Jerry Kruse	13
HUSSAR	Kristen Anderson	14
IRRICANA	Shannon Simmons	15
KNEEHILL COUNTY	Glen Keiver	16
LINDEN	Wendy Marsh	17
LONGVIEW	Jan Dyck	18
MORRIN	Karen Neill	19
OKOTOKS	Marian Walsh	20
OYEN	Dennis Punter	21
ROCKYFORD	Gary Billings	22
SPECIAL AREA # 2	Bob Gainer	23
STANDARD	John Getz	24
STARLAND COUNTY	Lil Morrison	25
STRATHMORE	Denise Peterson	26
THREE HILLS	Ron Howe	27
TURNER VALLEY/ BLACK DIAMOND	Mae Fisher	28
WAIPAROUS	Janine Jevne	29
WHEATLAND COUNTY	Berniece Bland	30
YOUNGSTOWN	Leanne O'Connell	31

**GUESTS**

Joan Pennett	Cereal	1
Heather Meszaros	High River Library	2
Lois Bedwell	ALTA Rep for Marigold	3
Peggy Emslie	Sheep River Library	4
Wanda Malsbury	Linden Library	5

**MARIGOLD HQ STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Michelle Toombs
Laura Taylor
Lynne Thorimbert
Caleigh Haworth
Carlee Pilikowski
Nora Ott (recording)
Alida Pituka
Richard Kenig
Jessie Bach
Nicole Talsma
Jane Fisher
Margaret Newton

**REGRETS WITH NOTICE**

ACADIA	Maxine Booker
AIRDRIE	Kayla Jessen-White
BANFF	Corrie DiManno
CEREAL	Elaine Michaels
I.D. #9	Ghada Wirth
KANANASKIS I.D.	Susan Billington
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY	Dimitri Dimopoulos
TROCHU	Bill Cunningham

**WITHOUT NOTICE**

CONSORT	Dale Kroeger
EMPRESS	Sheila Howe
MUNSON	Lyle Cawiezel
SPECIAL AREA# 3	Helen Venno
SPECIAL AREA #4	Lisa Vert

# MINUTES

## 1. CALL TO ORDER - L. Lyster called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

### 1.1 Greetings from the Town of Irricana

-Mayor Dennis Tracz, provided greetings from the Town of Irricana. Dennis is a former Marigold Board member and was a member of the Schedule C Ad Hoc Committee on two separate occasions. Dennis commented that the move to the new Irricana library would not have been possible without the assistance from Marigold. Delegates were invited to tour the new library after the meeting.

### 1.2 Delegates, guests, and staff introduced themselves

### 1.3 L. Lyster welcomed new Board members:

- Mae Fisher – Town of Black Diamond/Town of Turner Valley
- Heather Meszaros – Town of High River
- Shannon Simmons – Town of Irricana
- Janine Jevne – Summer Village of Waiparous
- Leann O’Connell – Village of Youngstown

There are currently 44 appointed Marigold Trustees with no vacancies

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### AMENDMENT:

-Change the agenda order so that item 5.5 Marigold Headquarters Feasibility Report, occurs earlier as item 5.1.5

**MOTION:** B. Bland/M. Nielsen

-To approve the agenda as amended

CARRIED

## 3. MINUTES OF THE August 20, 2016 MEETING

**MOTION:** J. Dyck/J. Getz

-To accept the minutes of the August 20, 2016 Board Meeting

CARRIED

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 Transfer of agenda items from consent agenda

-There were no items to be transferred

**MOTION:** D. Peterson/E. Chinnick

-To approve agenda items 4.1 to 4.5

CARRIED

## 5. DECISION

### 5.1 Financial

#### 5.1.1 Marigold Financial Statements to October 31, 2016

**MOTION:** L. Morrison/G. Billings

-Subject to audit, the Marigold Financial Statements to October 31, 2016 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

5.1.2 RISE Financial Statements to October 31, 2016

**MOTION:** J. Getz/M. Nielson

-Subject to audit, the RISE Financial Statements to October 31, 2016 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

5.1.3 Draft Marigold Operating Budget 2017- 2018

**MOTION:** G. Billings/D. Leronowich

-To approve the DRAFT Marigold Operating Budget for 2017 - 2018 for information

CARRIED

5.1.4 Draft Marigold Capital/Projects Budget 2017

**MOTION:** D. Peterson/J. Kruse

-To approve the DRAFT Marigold Capital/Projects Budget for 2017 for information

CARRIED

5.1.5 Marigold Headquarters Feasibility Report

-Hank Brzezinski of BRZ Partnership Architecture Inc. reported on the progress made in the Feasibility Study. He showed proposed solutions to 3 different scenarios:

1. Renovate and expand existing building on current property
2. Retrofit an existing larger building in Strathmore (previously occupied by Encana)
3. Build a new building on new land in Strathmore (2.5 acres next to No Frills)

-The recommendation or best option to suit Marigold's needs would be option 3

-Marigold would need major funding to pursue any of the 3 options

5.2 Policies/Plans

5.2.1 Contingency Plan for Finance – Executive

**MOTION:** G. Billings

-To approve the Contingency Plan for Finance

CARRIED

5.2.2 Marigold Library System Constitution – Governance

**MOTION:** K. Anderson

-To approve the Marigold Library System Constitution

CARRIED

5.2.3 Marigold Board Procedural Bylaw – Governance

**MOTION:** K. Anderson/J. Getz

-That the Marigold Board Procedural Bylaw be given first reading

CARRIED

**MOTION:** K. Anderson/J. Dyck

-That the Marigold Board Procedural Bylaw be given second reading

CARRIED

**MOTION:** K. Anderson/M. Nielsen

-That the Marigold Board Procedural Bylaw be given third reading

CARRIED

**MOTION:** K. Anderson

-To approve the Marigold Board Procedural Bylaw

CARRIED

5.2.4 Service Recognition Policy – Governance

**MOTION:** K. Anderson

-To approve the Service Recognition Policy

CARRIED

5.2.5 Appointment Plan for Marigold Board Members – Governance

**MOTION:** K. Anderson

-To approve the Appointment Plan for Marigold Board Members

CARRIED

5.2.6 Videoconference Equipment, Library Service Points - Governance

**MOTION:** K. Anderson

-To approve the Videoconference Equipment, Library Service Points Policy

CARRIED

5.3 Marigold Board Committees

5.3.1 Nominating Ad Hoc Committee – Volunteers needed

-There were no volunteers at the meeting. Anyone wishing to volunteer was asked to contact J. Dyck, E. Michaels or M. Toombs

5.4 Freedom to Read Week Proclamation

-L. Taylor read the Freedom to Read Week Proclamation and L. Lyster declared February 26 to March 4, 2017 as Freedom to Read week. The full declaration will be sent to Councils and Library Boards in early January

- N. Talsma explained the history of Freedom to Read week and asked delegates to inform themselves about previously banned or challenged items, mark the date on their calendars and to read a banned or challenged book

**6 ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

-There were no further items added to the consent agenda

**7 GROUP DISCUSSION – ALL IN ATTENDANCE**

All attendees commented on the discussion question **“How can Marigold convince funders that there is an urgent need for a larger Headquarters facility?”**

Comments ranged from moving ahead with building renovations, to lobbying government for funds (which Marigold has done and will continue to do), to increasing advocacy efforts to explain the value and relevance of regional library systems, to finding other sources of revenue. Generally, there was concern that municipalities also have money pressures. In the meantime, Marigold provides value added service to 44 municipalities in an old, overcrowded and sometimes unsafe facility.

**8 INFORMATION**

8.1 IT Services Brochure

-M. Toombs provided information about a new document to outline the Computer Network and IT Consultation Services for Marigold Member Libraries

## 8.2 Updates

- L. Lyster presented Margaret Newton, Manager of Bibliographic Services, with a token of appreciation on behalf of the board and wished her well in her retirement
- Schedule C has passed for 2017 and 2018
- A target for 2017 will be advocating for a new HQ Building
- The Resolution that would allow Library Systems to borrow money did not pass at either AUMA or AAMD&C. The Resolution did heighten awareness of library systems' needs
- Telus recently announced that it will be giving funding to low income families and that they are forming a partnership with TAL (The Alberta Library)

## 8.3 Upcoming Board Meetings

- Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – Videoconference, four locations (Airdrie, Sheep River – Turner Valley, Hanna, and Marigold HQ)
- Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – Strathmore
- Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - Okotoks

## 9 BOOK DRAW

-The winner for the book draw for *"The Arctic: Reflecting the Landscape, Wildlife, and People of the Far North"* by Sven-Olof Lindblad, was Leann O'Connell from Youngstown

## 10 ADJOURNMENT- L. Lyster declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

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CEO

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Board Chair

## Marigold Board Meeting November 26, 2016 Background Notes

### 1. Marigold and RISE Financials

Marigold Balance Sheet and Income Statement (unaudited) to October 31, 2016:

**Balance Sheet:** Total assets have increased by \$586,954 in 2016 compared to 2015. Most of this (\$447,560) relates to an increase in reserves, which is a result of the surplus in 2015. The remaining \$139,394 comes from excess revenue over expenditures in 2016. Marigold received unexpected revenue from the province for on-reserve initiatives (\$89,647) and a grant from PLSB for Hoopla (\$27,200). Also, in 2016, Marigold received income from levies and grants based on 2015 population numbers, but 2014 numbers were used in the budgeting process for the provincial operating grant.

#### **Income Statement:**

**Revenue:** There is no outstanding revenue including municipal levies or provincial grants remaining for 2016. Interest on investments is \$16,335 more than budgeted and other unexpected revenue include \$89,647 for on-reserve initiatives, \$3,021 for part of the summer

student grants and \$27,200 from PLSB for Hoopla. The provincial funding for Hoopla is intended to last to the end of 2017, but with the rising costs of the cost-per-use eResource, it is projected to be expended by the end of 2016.

**Expenditures:** Overall, expenditures are on track as 83% of the year is finished and 79% of the budgeted revenue is used. A security system was installed with four exterior cameras and as a result, the budget for building health and safety is over budget by \$2,154. Chairs and tables in the lunchroom were replaced at the expected cost of approximately \$10,000. Also, an ergonomic workstation was purchased for the Direct Services department and now work conducted standing up is done at counter height instead of stooping to work at desk height. Building maintenance is under budget. To date in 2016, Marigold spent about half as much as compared to 2015. The heating and HVAC system has not required as many major repairs this year as was the case in 2015. Online cataloguing tools is over budget due to the purchase of Collection HQ (\$25,348) which was not included in the budget. Due to increasing costs and increased usage of downloadable resources such as Hoopla, the amount spent on this budget line is more than projected.

RISE Balance Sheet and Income Statement (unaudited) to October 31, 2016:

New RISE equipment was purchased at a cost of \$63,605 and Richard and Steven completed the extensive training (\$17,245) required to operate the new equipment. These hardware changes along with IT Manager, Richard's plan for RISE going forward will ensure that RISE stays viable for the foreseeable future.

**2. Schedule C update**

Schedule C with the levy rate changes for 2017 and 2018 passed as of October 25. At that time over 60% of the municipalities had signed and over 60% of the population was represented. Currently, Marigold has received signed Schedule Cs from all but three municipalities. M. Toombs will be presenting to Rocky View County Council in early December. She recently presented to Chestermere and Irricana Council in early November. Our goal is to receive signatures from everyone (100%) and that is an outstanding achievement. Several municipalities upon returning their signed Schedule C documents have expressed their appreciation for Marigold and acknowledged the efficiency of operations and the good governance structure.

**3. Draft Marigold Operating Budget 2017 to 2018**

Marigold's estimated budget for 2017 is \$5,048,609 (6% above the Board-approved 2016 budget amount of \$4,777,426).

The draft budgets for operating and capital/projects budget is included in the package. The final budget is presented to the Board at the January Board meeting, by which time we have the year-end actuals and anticipate the release of the official population from Municipal Affairs. In the preparation of this version of the draft budget, these are key considerations:

- **Marigold expenditures** that are calculated on a per capita basis with current service population include contract subscription fees for online resources, TAL and other organizational memberships, and the TRAC levy. With several more municipalities and population growth, there are increased service costs, such as extending delivery routes, increased insurance coverage, materials allocations and service grants.
- In 2016, PLSB introduced the on-reserve initiative which increases Marigold's budget by \$89,647.

- **Revenue:** A 2% per year population increase is used to calculate revenue from levies. For the past two years, Municipal Affairs has used the most recent official population to calculate provincial grant amounts; however, the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) recommends using the past year's provincial grant amount for the current budget projections because the provincial budget is approved after the Marigold budget. In 2017, federal census results will be released which may inform municipal populations, but it is not certain when that will occur.
- **Salaries and benefits:** A 10% increase is projected to include staff salaries for a couple of new positions because of higher populations and expanded services; salary grid step increases for eligible staff; a 1% Annual Market Value Rate increase; increased benefit costs and a salary grid review. A salary grid review was last done in 2012 and some salaries have not kept up with salaries in comparable organizations.
- **Materials, processing, delivery:** An 8% increase is projected. The largest portion of this is for e-book and digital purchases, especially hoopla titles. E-book and e-resource costs set by US vendors are increasing a lot faster than inflation. PLSB no longer pays for the TAL Core and has reduced funding for Zinio and hoopla, so Marigold is picking up these costs to continue to provide these popular resources. Delivery costs are expected to increase because of increased mileage, larger vehicles, carbon tax and more frequent trips to high volume libraries. **Transfer payments:** A 2% increase to match projected population growth. Service grants for larger communities near Calgary are based on per capita population, while the base rates for communities with smaller populations have been maintained in 2017 and 2018.
- **Admin, Board, building, supplies, vendor services and contracts:** The 6% projected increase accounts for the annual cost of Collection HQ which is an online tool that headquarters and member library staff uses to improve their collections; rising contract costs for local services; maintenance fees for aging infrastructure; furniture replacement; insurance and shipping costs.
- **Computers, peripherals, licenses, network costs:** A 5% decrease is projected, largely because equipment and maintenance agreements are a lot lower by not paying for the expensive service agreements on RISE videoconference equipment. Although PLSB is picking up the monthly fees for the SuperNet, there is a need to increase Internet capacity. Member libraries would like Marigold to replace the website platform for a more appealing website presence and to make it easier for member libraries to populate their own websites. Richard is starting to make inquiries with website development companies and the cost will be significant. TRAC costs are increasing as well, mostly because of our service population growth and increased functionality (e.g., Polaris Leap and Inn-Reach). The Alberta Library (TAL) annual cost is lower than expected because we do not have to pay for the recently launched TALonline.
- **Consultation, programs, marketing:** The 13% increase will cover increased travel costs for Marigold consultants, IT staff and program staff to travel member libraries. The budget includes provisions to improve the Member Libraries Workshop by changing venue, which will allow for a larger audience. Increasing cell phone costs are also included. Cell phones are provided to all Marigold staff who travel on Marigold business.
- **Capital and project expenditures** are based on available funds after operating costs have been subtracted from revenue projections. This revenue will be used to replace a

delivery van in 2017 and to pay for a new website platform. Available funds for capital and project expenditures are decreasing year to year as budgets get tighter.

#### **4. Expanding Member Libraries Workshop**

Preparation has begun for the annual Member Libraries' Workshop to be held on May 10, 2017. Each year, the growth in attendance of the conference has been positive, but it is resulting in Marigold moving locations to the Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre in northeast Calgary to accommodate the larger number of attendees. A benefit of moving the workshop to a larger facility is that the workshop can be formally opened to both staff and board with sessions that will appeal to both groups.

The theme for the 2017 Workshop is "Advocacy: Words Worth Sharing." Marigold staff have been in conversation with Stacie Ledden, Director of Innovations and Brand Strategy at Anythink Libraries in Colorado. She has been named a "Mover & Shaker" in the library industry by Library Journal and is being considered as the keynote speaker for the Workshop. She is also willing to offer a breakout session at the Workshop. A call for proposals has been sent out on several provincial library email listservs to fill the remaining breakout sessions.

#### **5. Feasibility Study Steering Committee (written by Lynne Thorimbert)**

The Feasibility Study Steering Committee, comprised of BRZ Partnership Architecture, Hank Brzezinski, Deanna Christensen and Maricris Usher; Building Committee members, John Getz, Lynda Lyster, Gary Billings and Denise Peterson; and Michelle Toombs (Chair), Laura Taylor and Lynne Thorimbert from Marigold HQ, and guests Mayor Ell and Councillor Steve Grajczyk, has met nine times since May 2016.

Three future expansion options have been explored as outlined in the Marigold Library System Headquarters Feasibility Study RFP:

- A. Expanding the building on the current site, including interim operational considerations and costs while construction takes place
- B. Acquiring and retrofitting an existing building
- C. Acquiring property and having a facility built

As of the October 19 meeting, all three options were still being explored. The Existing Facility Assessment, programming documents and mockup floor plans have solidified requirements and deficits in operational space, site access and parking, and the minimum footprint required for Marigold operations whether on the current property or in another location.

Laura Taylor presented information indicating Marigold is unlikely to secure grant funding for construction costs.

At Marigold's November 2016 Board meeting, Hank from BRZ Partnership Architecture will present information on the three expansion options, including a comparison of estimated costs.

#### **6. Resolution for Borrowing Powers for Library Systems**

Mayor Ell and Denise Peterson from the Town of Strathmore shared unfortunate news that the Resolution was defeated at the AUMA convention in October by a vote of 54/46. The Mayor of Olds spoke out in opposition to the resolution as she felt that the government could requisition the loan. As Mayor Ell reconfirmed, that would not be possible, as municipalities in Marigold would have to agree to the loan.

The resolution was presented at the AAMD&C Convention that took place from November 15-17 by Reeve Koester from Wheatland County. Several municipalities in Marigold spoke in favour of the resolution including Rocky View County. Unfortunately, the resolution did not



receive the required three fifths majority and was not passed. Although the resolution did not pass, the positive side is that regional library systems were brought to the attention of many municipal representatives.

## 7. **Collection HQ**

Marigold is pleased to offer Collection HQ to member libraries, beginning January 1st. Collection HQ is a powerful data analysis and reporting tool that will provide insight into how library collections are used, managed and developed. Collection HQ provides evidence-based information about how items in a library's collection are circulating so that member library and headquarters staff can make informed collections decisions, backed up by current data. While Collection HQ will provide data about the collection, it cannot replace the expertise of library staff. For example, Collection HQ might suggest that your library is overstocked on gardening; but the software doesn't know it is winter in Alberta! Combined with the expertise of Marigold and member library staff, Collection HQ will empower libraries to provide the most relevant, topical collections to patrons. Collection HQ uses data that Marigold will export from Polaris, and send to the vendor monthly. As the months go by and datasets are accumulated, the information in Collection HQ will become more and more accurate. Marigold staff have already completed Collection HQ Administration training. Two in-depth training sessions for member libraries will also be held on January 4, 5, & 6. Many libraries have already signed up and are expressing their pleasure to begin using this resource.

The collection and circulation data and reports provided by Collection HQ will save time for Marigold staff and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the collection development performed by both headquarters and member library staff. Analyzing collection usage and borrowing trends will ensure that funds are spent on materials that are most in demand for Marigold patrons. The reports created by Collection HQ will also replace some reporting processes that are currently being performed by Marigold headquarters staff. Marigold estimates that these tools will save at least 10 hours a week of staff time at headquarters alone.

Below are just a few examples of the reports and functionality within Collection HQ!

- **Collection use summary** - This report will show a library which of their collections are overstocked, which ones are understocked and which ones are just right. It will also provide input on how many items to buy or weed to achieve the optimal stock levels.
- **Top charts** - This tool runs Top Title and Top Author charts for a library or for the system as a whole, as well as popular non-fiction subjects. This will be useful for promoting material and reporting to the community.
- **Selection** - This suite of tools will assist with planning materials selection. Based on the performance of a library's current materials, Collection HQ can recommend how much of the budget to spend on each collection code. It also comes with some predictive technology that will take a look at the past performance of an author, and recommend how many copies of their next publication should be purchased.
- **Custom holds report** - This report shows the materials with the highest holds queues TRAC-wide, and then breaks those numbers down to show which libraries own copies of the item AND the proportion of the holds that are from Marigold patrons compared to patrons from the rest of TRAC. It will help Marigold to ensure that materials in demand by our patrons are delivered to them as quickly as possible.
- **Custom circulation report** - This report will show the overall circulation of a library's item, as well as the number of checkouts at other Marigold libraries and the checkouts at libraries in the

rest of TRAC. It will assist libraries in choosing materials that are the most relevant to their local patrons.

#### **8. Hussar Library**

The contents in the former Hussar Library have been removed and the collection is in the process of being redistributed and assigned to other locations. Existing Hussar library patrons were renewed for two years. The Hussar Library Board continues to seek out potential donors to assist with paying for the costs of the Return Locker/Smartlocker. Board Members are also encouraging residents to get cards. A total of eight additional residents have applied for a card. On October 10, the Return Locker/Smartlocker was ordered through the vendor Bibliotheca and it will be housed at the Chinook Financial Credit building. The installation will take place in early 2017. Currently, the Airdrie Public Library is the first library in Western Canada to have a return locker. The locker has been a success at its location in Genesis Place.

To view the Return Locker in action, please view the YouTube video that was created by Airdrie Public Library. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM3FR83au6c>

#### **9. On-reserve Populations Project Funding**

Marigold staff including Laura, Jane, Nicole and Caleigh attended an Aboriginal Awareness Training session in Calgary in late September that was delivered by Aboriginal Awareness Canada. The speaker, Robert Laboucane has been presenting training seminars across Canada for many years. Aboriginal Awareness Canada is willing to provide a training session for Marigold Library System in the new year at a reduced cost because Marigold is a non-profit organization. They do cap the number of participants to 20 people. Marigold will investigate when this training session will take place in the New Year.

Marigold staff attended the Treaty 7 Conference at the Grey Eagle Casino in October to connect with educators from First Nations schools including Siksika, Stoney Nakoda, Tsuu T'ina and Kainai. They connected with several teaching staff and residents. Some individuals expressed interest in Marigold coming to schools to speak with teachers and staff. Marigold staff will be returning to the Siksika Outreach School on October 26 to issue cards to students and families. Staff from the Bighorn Library and Cochrane Public Library also attended the Morley Flea Market to talk about public library services to the Stoney residents. Library staff plan to attend the Morley Flea Market monthly.

#### **10. Truth and Reconciliation Summit**

On Saturday, October 29, Michelle attend the Truth and Reconciliation Summit in Banff. The Summit was for Bow Valley residents to learn about and respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. The Summit filled up quickly and included both Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals from a variety of backgrounds including local government, education, business, health and social service providers. Keynote speakers included Phil Fontaine, Dr. Marie Wilson, Kathleen Mahoney, and Jeff Horvath. The summit was an excellent opportunity to make new connections including local and provincial political representatives.

#### **11. Provincial Meetings**

In late October, Michelle and Board Chair, Lynda Lyster attended two meetings in Edmonton. The first meeting was the Regional Library Sustainability Working group. The group consists of representatives from Peace, Shortgrass and Parkland Library Systems. Some of the key issues facing regional systems include: stable funding, but no new money, roles of systems

is changing, and headquarters infrastructure funding is needed. The group prioritized issues and system headquarters funding was identified as the top priority. The support and understanding for the need of Marigold to get funding for a larger space was amazing. Other priorities identified included: more collaboration amongst systems so that each system was doing something for everybody. Several municipalities have undergone or are currently undergoing dissolution studies, and some municipalities have become hamlets. In some instances, the library has closed upon the change of the municipality to a hamlet.

The second meeting called the Public Library Network Nodes meeting took place on October 27. There are 16 public library nodes including the seven regional library systems and larger libraries including Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grand Prairie. Discussion focused on the procurement of eResources through an RFP process that are provided by PLSB. Currently, the province is undergoing an RFP for the newspaper resource. In early 2017, a RFP will take place for a Hoopla like streaming product, and later in 2017, RFPs will take place for a digital magazine resource and language learning product. Many nodes indicated their concerns about the high cost of Hoopla. One node stated its benefit of being a product that provides simultaneous use with no wait times, which is what library patrons appreciate and want.

There are no immediate plans to review or make revisions to the Libraries Act and Regulation as the province needs to complete the review of the MGA (Municipal Government Act). A government courier review is currently being done by PLSB. Government courier is utilized by libraries to deliver materials to other library nodes in the province. PLSB continues to submit funding requests for infrastructure for library system headquarters, but there are no assurances that Marigold Library Board will ever receive any funding. The nodes shared ways that they have utilized the On-Reserve and Metis Settlement funding and how they are developing connections with First Nations individuals.

## **12. Rocky View Weekly Article**

Included in the Board package is an article about Marigold Library System. The reporter, Dustin Ruth, contacted Michelle after he observed her presentation to the Town of Irricana Council. The article focuses on Schedule C and provides an excellent overview about Marigold Library System.