

Marigold is a Library System defined by the Alberta Libraries Act and Regulation and established in 1981.

- Marigold Library System is an operational service hub that enhances and supports public library services across our region. By providing centralized purchasing, receiving, deliveries, training, IT services and software, and professional support, we maximize efficiency and control costs.
- Marigold is not a public library, nor does it overlap services with public libraries. Local libraries provide the place(building), service (staff) and community connection. Marigold provides the "product," including materials, IT infrastructure, professional consultation and other behind-the-scenes support.
- Marigold supports a province-wide network of sharing print, AV and electronic resources, as well as mail service.
- Marigold provides online library services for the public such as the Internet, Wi-Fi, websites and digital resources.
- Marigold's headquarters is centrally located in Strathmore, Alberta, and has 29 employees; 26.7 FTE
- Marigold is one of 7 regional library systems in Alberta.



How we operate

- The 42 representatives on Marigold Library Board are appointed by member municipal Councils.
- Marigold acts as the governing board for 12 municipalities that do not have their own library boards.
- Marigold is part of TRAC (The Regional Library Automation Consortium) with Peace, Northern Lights and Yellowhead Library Systems. TRAC's 180 member libraries share one library catalogue to seamlessly share materials.



Who we serve

- Marigold serves 42 municipalities, Siksika and Stoney First Nations.
- Library service is available through 37 member libraries, 14 book deposits, 3 Library Lending Lockers and through online services.
- With 358,349 people in its service area, Marigold is the third largest library system in Alberta based on population.



How we're funded

- Marigold is a registered charity with an annual budget of \$5.8 Million in 2023.
- 65% of revenue comes from municipal and library board levies which are based on a per capita levy rate multiplied by official municipal population, as defined by the Alberta Government.
- 25% of funding comes from Municipal Affairs as a library system operating grant.
- 8% of funding comes from Municipal Affairs for rural residents because Marigold is the governing board for 12 rural municipalities.

MARIGOLD LIBRARIES, BOOK DEPOSITS AND LIBRARY LENDING LOCKERS

