

Established in 1981, Marigold is a Library System as defined by the *Alberta Libraries Act and Regulation*. As the operational hub for the system, our services do not overlap with what public libraries provide to their communities. Marigold Library System services and support enrich public library service to all member communities by providing centralized purchasing, deliveries, training, IT services and software, professional support, and more.

About us



- Marigold supports a province-wide network of sharing print, AV and electronic resources, as well as a mail service.
- Marigold provides online 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; 26.5 FTE.
- Marigold is one of seven 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 14 municipalities that do not have their own library boards.
- Marigold is part of The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) with Peace, Northern Lights, and Yellowhead regional library systems. TRAC's 185+ member libraries share one library catalogue to seamlessly share materials.

Who we serve



- Marigold serves 42 municipalities, as well as Siksika and Stoney First Nations.
- Library service is available at 37 member libraries, 14 book deposits, 3 Library Lending Lockers, and online wherever you reside.
- With 343,332 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 \$6.2 million in 2024.
- 62% 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.
- 24% of funding comes from Municipal Affairs as a library system operating grant.
- 8% of funding comes from Municipal Affairs for rural residents in the municipalities where Marigold serves as the governing board.
- 6% of funding comes from other sources such as interest, donations, and contract sales.