MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM PROFILE

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

- Marigold is a not-for-profit collaborative of municipalities in southern Alberta to provide affordable, state-of-the-art public library services and support. Cost savings and efficiencies are achieved with volume discounts, by consolidating work and by providing expert consultation.

- 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" (e.g., materials, IT infrastructure, consultation and behind-the-scenes support) and 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 Internet, wifi, websites and digital resources.

- Marigold's headquarters, centrally located in Strathmore, Alberta (50 km east of Calgary), has 29 employees; 26.7 FTE

Service Population

- With 335,154 Albertans in its service area, Marigold Library System is the third largest library system in Alberta based on population (after Calgary & Edmonton). 348,134 including First Nations population.

- One of 7 regional library systems in Alberta.

- Serves 43 municipalities, 36 member library boards, 35 libraries, 12 book deposits, 3 Library Lending Locker installations, Siksika and Stoney Nakoda Nations.

- 43 representatives on Marigold Library Board appointed by each member municipal Council.

- Acts as the governing board for 12 municipalities that do not have their own library boards.

- 9 school-housed public libraries.

Collaborations

- TRAC (The Regional Library Automation Consortium) with Marigold, Peace, Northern Lights and Yellowhead Library Systems

- TRAC's 180 libraries share one catalogue database to facilitate sharing of materials

- TAL (The Alberta Library) for database licensing

- PPG (Calgary and Area Public Purchasing Group); discounts and shared contracts

- WID (Western Irrigation District); co-owned and co-located building project to replace headquarters facilities and capitalize on operational efficiencies

Financial

- Annual budget: $5.6 Million in 2022

- $951,467 in operating reserve (2 to 3 months contingency)

- Registered charity; fully audited every year

- 65% of revenue comes from municipal and library board levies based on a per capita levy rate multiplied by official municipal population (as defined 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 Board of Record for 12 rural municipalities. All of this revenue is redirected to member libraries throughout Marigold

- Support for 6 libraries located in unincorporated communities with annual cash payments of $9,760 each: Exshaw, Millarville, Carseland, Gleichen, Rumsey, Cessford

MISSION: Marigold cultivates a collaborative and inclusive library community to support a range of responsive, quality library services.

MARIGOLD LIBRARIES, BOOK DEPOSITS AND LIBRARY LENDING LOCKERS

Legend:
- ● Book Deposits
- ▲ Marigold member libraries
- ◆ Marigold Library Lending Lockers

Special Area #4
- ▲ Consort
- ● Altario

Special Area #3
- ● New Brigden
- ▲ Youngstown
- ● Cereal
- ▲ Oyen
- ▲ Acadia Valley
- Acadia MD
- ▲ Empress
- ● Buffalo
- ● Jenner

Special Area #2
- ▲ Hanna
- ▲ Berry Creek (in Cessford)

Starland County
- ▲ Rumsey
- ▲ Morrin
- ▲ Delia
- ▲ Drumheller

Kneehill County
- ▲ Trochu
- ● Torrington
- ▲ Three Hills
- ▲ Linden
- ▲ Acme
- ▲ Carbon

Wheatland County
- ▲ Standard
- ▲ Rockyford
- ▲ Strathmore
- ◆ Hussar
- ▲ Gleichen
- ▲ Carseland
- ● Rosebud
- ▲ Chestermere

Rocky View County
- ▲ Beiseker
- ▲ Irricana
- ▲ Airdrie
- ▲ Crossfield
- ▲ Cochrane
- ◆ Bragg Creek

Foothills County
- ▲ Okotoks
- ▲ Blackie
- ▲ Sheep River (serves Turner Valley & Black Diamond)
- ▲ High River
- ▲ Longview
- ▲ Millarville
- ● Priddis

Kananaskis ID
- ● Kananaskis

Bighorn MD #8
- ● Benchlands in Waiparous SV
- ● Ghost Lake in Ghost Lake SV
- ▲ Canmore
- ▲ Bighorn (in Exshaw)

ID 9
- ▲ Banff