

Strong Libraries — Strong Communities



1,395,478 Albertans
with library cards access
322 public libraries.



Seven regional library systems support 212 library boards,
307 municipalities and 271 public libraries—reducing costs, eliminating
duplication and providing services otherwise not available in rural areas.



Albertans can use more than 21 million
books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and eBooks
from public libraries across the province.

Provincially, over 1.4 million Albertans participated
in more than 90,000 programs at public libraries.



Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) is a cooperative network of
54 municipalities and **three** school divisions, serving 87 libraries
and more than 290,000 West-Central Alberta residents.



There were 285,024
downloads of
eContent offered
through YRL.

YRL member libraries
lent 1,851,457 items
in 2018 to support
Albertan's learning and
entertainment needs.



YRL member
libraries offered
12,660 programs...



...connecting 185,869
Albertans to literacy,
education, skill
development, and
community resources.



352 public computers in
YRL member libraries support
free access to literacy and
employment resources, and
help fight social isolation.

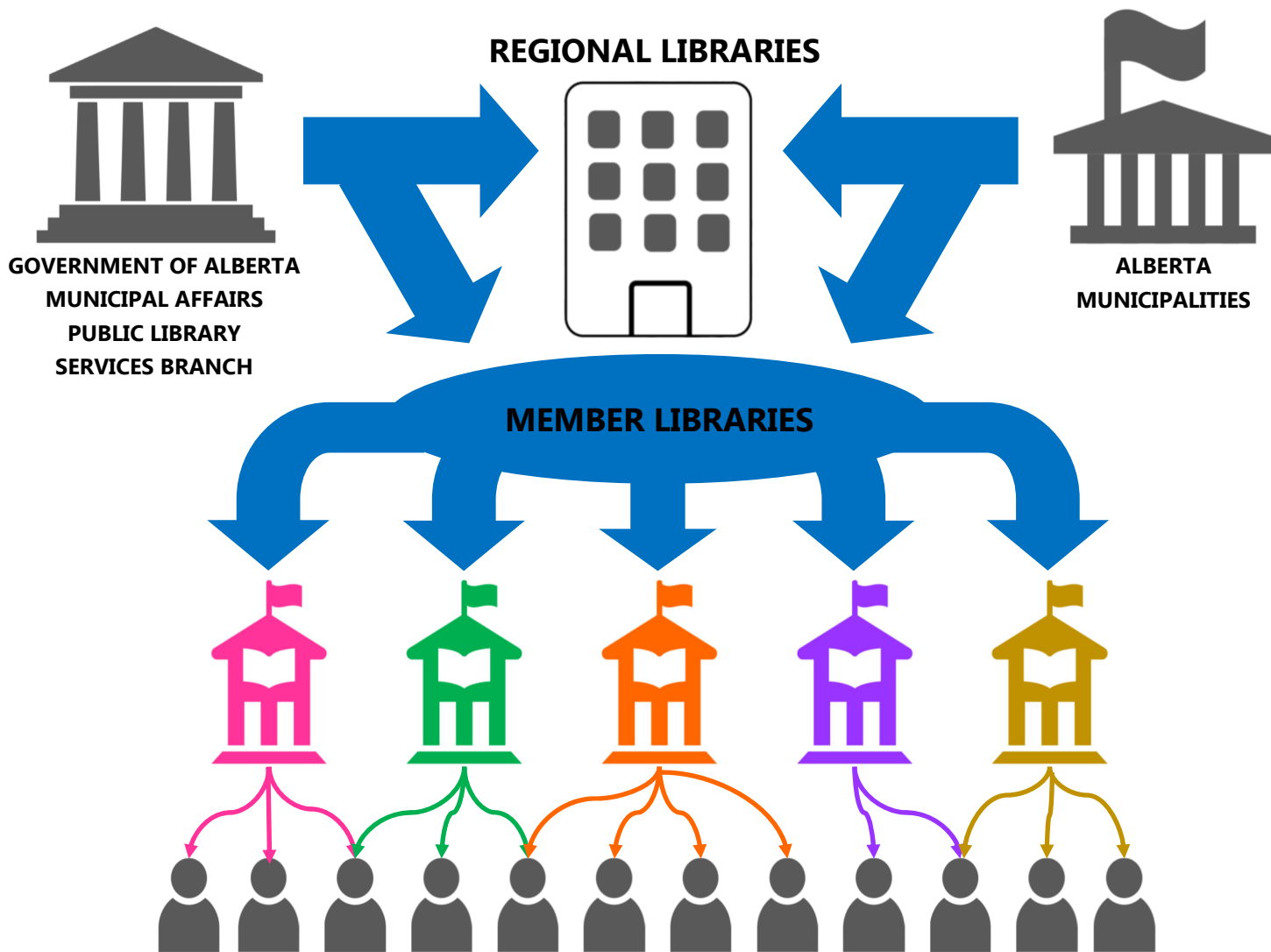


Stable network and
broadband services
supported 211,493 hours
of computer time at
YRL member libraries.



Albertans connected to
834,244 free Wi-Fi
sessions in YRL libraries
using their personal
laptop, phone or tablet.

- YRL participates in a province-wide sharing network to borrow print material held by any Alberta library, including universities and colleges.
- YRL creates savings for member libraries through bulk discounts, training, and technical support—this allows member public library staff to focus on local needs and community development.
- YRL is able to share expertise with regional library partnerships, reducing duplication and costs.



Provincial operating grants to municipal and regional library boards

\$29,744,701

The Government of Alberta supports connectivity in public libraries, eResources, and the resource sharing network

\$34,190,857

Municipal contributions to municipal and regional library boards

\$155,817,341