

Library Partners & Their Roles

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The Public Library Services Branch (PLSB)

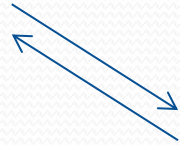
- Public Library Services is a branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs. The PLSB is responsible for provincial legislation and policies that provide a legal framework and network for public libraries:
 - *The Libraries Act* and *The Libraries Regulation*
 - Provincial Resource Sharing and Network Policies
- Your library board is required by legislation to submit to the PLSB:
 - Its Bylaws and Policies (and updates)
 - An Annual Report (online through LibPAS)
 - A Plan of Service (every 3-5 years)
- Your library board applies annually to the PLSB for an operating grant.



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Your Municipal Council

- Establishes your library board. *
- Approves and appoints library board members.
- Provides operating funds to run the library.
- Pays for membership in Peace Library System, so that your library can receive enhanced services and municipal residents can borrow from the Provincial Library Network.

* Special circumstances apply to eight libraries including Bear Point, DeBolt, Dixonville, Keg River, Menno-Simons, Paddle Prairie, St. Isidore, and Worsley. Contact your consultant for details.



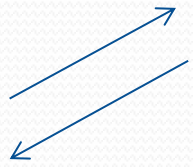
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Your Library Board

- Hires and employs the Library Manager.
- Creates bylaws and policies to govern the library.
- Approves the library's annual budget and requests an operating grant from municipal council.
- Provides funds for library purchases through PLS (allotments).
- Approves the library's annual report submitted to the PLSB.
- Applies annually to the PLSB for an operating grant.
- Completes a community needs assessment and develops the library's Plan of Service (submitted to the PLSB every 3-5 years).



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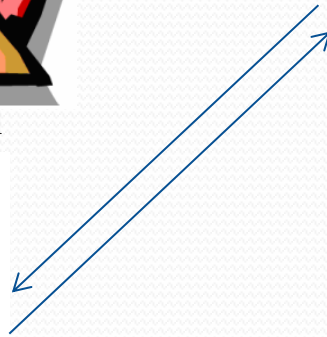
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Peace Library System

- Connects you and 44 other public libraries in northwest Alberta to the Provincial Library Network.
- Holds your board's allotment funds so you can conveniently purchase books and materials through us for your collection.
- Provides assistance with purchasing.
- Catalogues and "shelf-readies" your purchases.
- Provides consulting and training for library managers and staff.
- Delivers to most libraries within 200 km of Grande Prairie.
- Provides access to eResources.
- Provides website & eMail hosting & other technology resources.
- Together with 3 other Library Systems forms TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium).



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Friends

- The “Friends of the Library” is a special local volunteer group that advocates for your library and helps with fundraising.



- If your library does not yet have a “Friends of the Library” group there are many resources available to help you get one started in your community!

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Your new colleagues:



The managers of the
44 other PLS
member libraries



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Questions? Call PLS and talk to a member
of the consulting team!

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