

MARIGOLD REPORT



To Councils and
Special Areas Board

MARIGOLD BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2015

Marigold Library System held its Annual General Meeting and regular Board Meeting at the Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore, Alberta.

Strathmore Mayor, Michael Ell, provided greetings on behalf of the town. Ell thanked the Board for its dedication to libraries and literacy and commented on the positive impact that Marigold Library System and libraries have on their communities.

Newly appointed representatives Lennox Gomes (City of Chestermere), Marian Walsh (Town of Okotoks) and Bill Cunningham (Town of Trochu) were welcomed by Chair Lynda Lyster. Special guests included Jen Anderson (Public Library Services Branch Consultant), Marilyn King (Chestermere), Shawna Biddles (Chestermere), Diane Porter (High River), Erin Gregory and Mike McCutcheon (auditors).

Board and Staff recognition

Marigold Board

15 years Maxine Booker, M.D. of Acadia
10 years Lynda Lyster (Board Chair),
Bighorn M.D.
5 years Linda Schafer, Town of High
River

Marigold HQ Staff

10 years Wendy Rezansoff, Cataloguer
5 years Mike Froese, Bibliographic
Services Clerk
Lynne Thorimbert, Service
Delivery Manager

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2014 Audited Financial Statements were presented by Auditors Gregory Harriman and Associates. Marigold Library System remains in a healthy financial position.

Marigold's service area increased with the Town of Banff joining. Examples of services added or enhanced in the past year include: more eBooks, digital content; IT Capacity Fund for equipment upgrades at member libraries; more programming kits and games to assist libraries with in-house programming; eResource training to help member library staff and patrons better utilize resources; website facelifts to provide clearer access to digital resources; and an enhanced purchasing program giving member libraries up to 70% savings on selected IT equipment and supplies.

Financials are available at:

www.marigold.ab.ca/financial-information

Elections and committee appointments

Lynda Lyster continues in her position as Chair. Lyster acknowledged Leslie Duchak, outgoing Vice Chair, for the knowledge and wisdom she shared with the Executive, Finance, Governance, HR and Schedule C committees during her 7 years on the Marigold Board. Leslie was also recognized for her work as the ALTA representative for Marigold.

Committee members elected:

Executive Committee 2015—2016

Lynda Lyster, Chair – Bighorn MD #8
Gary Billings – Village of Rockyford
Maxine Booker – Acadia MD #34
John Getz – Village of Standard
Lois Habberfield – Rocky View County
Lil Morrison – Starland County
Susan Roper – Town of Cochrane
Linda Schafer – Town of High River
Marian Walsh – Town of Okotoks
Kayla Jessen-White – City of Airdrie

Standing Committees

Advocacy

Lil Morrison (Chair)
Jerry Kruse
Diane Osberg
Helen Veno
Lynda Lyster

Building

John Getz (Chair)
Gary Billings
Denise Peterson
Lynda Lyster

Human Resources (HR)

Susan Roper (Chair)
Berniece Bland
Diane Osberg
Lynda Lyster

Finance

Gary Billings (Chair)
John Getz
Lynda Lyster

Governance

Kristen Anderson -
(Chair)
Eleanore Chinnick
Jan Dyck
Margaret Nielsen
Denise Peterson
Lynda Lyster

Standards & Services

Maxine Booker (Chair)
Elaine Michaels
Linda Schafer
Jo Tennant
Lynda Lyster

FINANCIAL

Unaudited financial statements to March 31, 2015 were accepted. Changes to the titles of the financial statements reflect language commonly used by not-for-profit organizations. The Balance Sheet was reformatted to one page to more clearly present the interrelated snapshot of assets and liabilities. Explanatory notes at the bottom of the sheet also provide clarity.

Unaudited RISE financial statements to March 31, 2015 were accepted. Marigold provides RISE bridging service for 93 public libraries in Alberta. Since January 1, 2015, patrons and staff from Marigold libraries and HQ have participated in over 70 videoconferences bridged by the central site. Bridging has also been provided on at least 43 occasions this year for expansion sites north of the original RISE area (Chinook Arch, Shortgrass and Marigold).

POLICY APPROVAL & DECISION

Policies and schedules reviewed and approved by the Marigold Board:

- Mandate Statements – Standing Committees
- Governance Policy
- Policy Making Policy
- IT Capacity Fund Policy
- Collection Management Policy
- Board Member Compensation Policy
- Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Bylaw
- TRAC Card Operational Bylaw
- Personnel Policy - Library Service Points
- Finance Policy - Library Service Points
- Bylaws – Library Service Points
- Job Descriptions - Executive Committee

INFORMATION & REPORTS

Marigold Annual Report

The Board approved the Report for distribution to stakeholders. Read all about Marigold's banner year at:

www.marigold.ab.ca/annual-report

Value of Your Investment and Power of Your Library Card reports

Value of Your Investment shows the value of services provided annually by Marigold. Libraries and municipalities benefit directly through the pooling of revenues so that all residents have access to abundant resources.

Power of Your Library Card highlights services provided annually by Marigold that are of value to residents living in Counties, Improvement Districts, Special Areas, MDs.

Members are encouraged to share these reports with their local boards and councils.

Public Library Services Branch (PLSB)

Update: Jen Anderson, Library Consultant with PLSB, reported on:

- Operating Grant increase
- Review currently being done of school housed libraries (report to follow)
- Government courier service review in the works
- Library services for the print disabled

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Gleichen Community Centre 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Rockyford Community Centre, 9:30 a.m.

Library Board Basics Workshop

Drumheller – September 26, 2015 and

Ocotoks – October 17, 2015.

More details on board workshops at:

http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/plsb_board_basics_workshops



New! Solaro is an online tool that provides study help and exam prep in mathematics, english language arts and science, following Alberta curriculum for grades 3 -12.

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Chair Lynda Lyster noted that 2014 was a banner year for Marigold and that we are *stronger together*. Michelle Toombs, CEO remarked that: "Marigold thrives on vision, hard work and commitment as staff reach out to Albertans in all parts of Marigold and beyond." On the technology front, Minecraft video game was networked at 27 member libraries providing gamers with a safe place to play and opportunities to connect with others of all ages across Marigold. Ramping up of eResource training helped library staff and patrons become more confident in using resources — 125 sessions were attended by over 260 participants. Marigold's

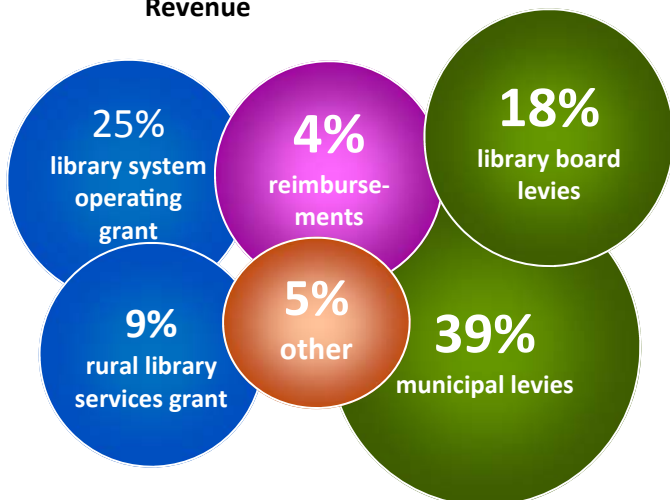
online Newsletter was launched to share member library news and highlight activities and accomplishments to the Marigold Community and beyond. A member advisory committee (MAC) was formed to discuss Marigold services and procedures and to share information and ideas.

Marigold libraries are thriving!

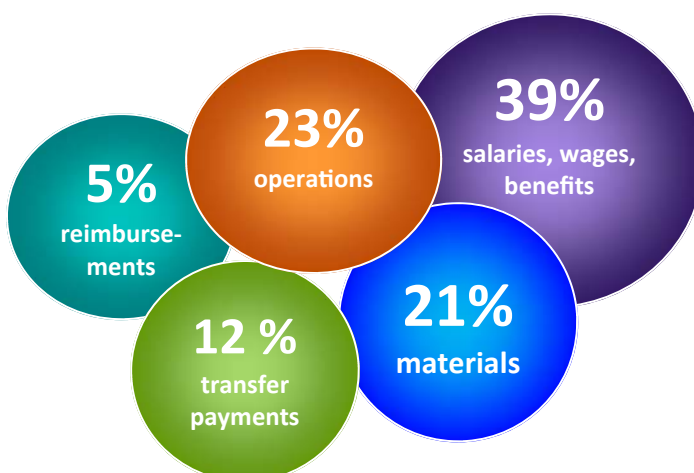
- 87,877 people/families with library cards
- 140,436 eBooks borrowed
- 1.6M items loaned to Marigold cardholders
- 11,997 programs with 127,756 participants
- 677,775 items loaned & borrowed between libraries
- 3.2 million items available in TRACpac online catalogue

2014 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue



Expenses



Complete 2014 Audited Financial Statements are available upon request and at: www.marigold.ab.ca/financial-information