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# 2008 Annual Report



the alberta library





# Meeting the Information Needs of all Albertans

The Alberta Library was created in 1997 as part of a grassroots movement in the library community. At the time, we were facing some fundamental challenges and opportunities, including the information explosion, the development of new technologies, the emergence of the Internet and a changing government philosophy.

Now entering its second decade, The Alberta Library has grown from an idea into an award-winning, internationally recognized organization working with over 290 member libraries to promote access to information, ideas and culture – and we're helping to build one of the most progressive and dynamic library systems in North America.

We believe that libraries are an integral part of the information society, and that libraries must cooperate, collaborate and innovate to meet the information needs of all Albertans. We believe that libraries are truly helping to lay the foundation for a knowledge economy in the 21st century.

Today, libraries across the province continue to face a variety of challenges, including rapidly changing technology and growing competition for limited resources and staff. That's why The Alberta Library is more relevant than ever, as we build on our culture of cooperation and collaboration.

This report highlights our accomplishments and new directions in 2008 – including new initiatives in digitization and language learning software.

We are proud that the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library was awarded the 2008 Canadian Association of Colleges and University Libraries' Innovation Achievement Award and The Alberta Library's CEO, Lucy Pana, was the recipient of the Canadian Library Association Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship.

These awards speak volumes about the leadership and commitment to excellence within our community. Through our continued efforts, Albertans will enjoy the immense benefits of a progressive library system.



Keith Walker  
Chair, The Alberta Library Board of Directors  
Director, Medicine Hat College Library

## The challenge

In the 1990s libraries across Alberta faced a number of challenges and opportunities, including:

- the information explosion
- the development of new technologies
- the emergence of the Internet
- a changing government philosophy

## The response

In a grassroots response, Alberta's library community came together to create a community-based plan. The plan was designed to:

- find creative solutions and seize new opportunities
- add value to products and services and create new services
- take advantage of new and emerging technologies
- achieve together what could not be done alone

## The Alberta Library

This grassroots movement led to the creation of The Alberta Library (TAL) in 1997. TAL is a province-wide consortium that now serves over 290 member libraries across the province, including:

- public libraries
- regional library systems
- university libraries
- college and technical institute libraries
- special libraries

## TAL's vision

Barrier-free access for all Albertans to information, ideas and culture.

## TAL's mission

To provide leadership in optimizing resources and services among member libraries in a dynamic model of collaboration.

## TAL's values

**Cooperation and Collaboration:** We embrace diverse interests and facilitate active participation in our activities.

**Respect:** We honour diversity in an atmosphere of inclusion and candour.

**Innovation:** We are a catalyst for positive change and continuously seek opportunities to enhance library services.

**Learning:** We support the development of a skilled and knowledgeable library community.

**Accountability:** We practice openness, and are responsive to the evolving needs of the Alberta library community.



The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN) was created in 1997 in partnership with the Government of Alberta. An integral part of The Alberta Library, APLEN's mandate is the ongoing development of the public library network and provision of services to public libraries.

APLEN provides:

- opportunities for public library cooperation, collaboration and innovation,
- coordination of the development and growth of an electronic library network in Alberta,
- opportunities for libraries to increase their capacity for electronic services to the public,
- promotion of electronic library services to the public,
- funding for pilot projects and research into emerging technology.



The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library is a cutting-edge digital resource that is changing the landscape of information accessibility at Alberta post-secondary institutions. The digital library contains millions of licensed resources including academic journals, encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, literary criticisms and video clips.

"This high-tech resource gives students and faculty, regardless of their school or location, unlimited access to an incredible number of resources," said Premier Stelmach at the official launch in September 2007. "It's a true 21<sup>st</sup> century asset for Alberta's education system."

The Premier added that the initiative helps Alberta move toward a knowledge-based economy, enhances research capabilities, fosters innovation, gives students and faculty a competitive edge and improves the quality of learning in every corner of the province.

Funded by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and delivered by The Alberta Library, The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library has been enthusiastically embraced by the thirty-five post-secondary institutions served by the initiative, extending services to over 100 communities across the province.

# 2008 – A Year in Review

## ***Tell Me More* language learning software**

In 2008, a Language Learning Software project was implemented by the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network through an Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Library Development Initiative Grant.

The \$260,000 project provided one-year licensing of Auralog's *Tell Me More* online language learning software tools for TAL-member public libraries. The software covers all areas of language learning – including speaking, reading and writing – enabling libraries to better support Alberta's culturally diverse communities.

The software was quickly embraced by the public library community. Training sessions were provided to over 300 library community members between May and December and close to 3,000 Albertans created *Tell Me More* accounts through libraries.

A marketing campaign was launched in December 2008 to increase awareness of the initiative and provide libraries with tools to promote it in their own communities. The campaign included TV, radio and print ads as well as a news release, posters, and other print materials.

Interest in the software has extended beyond the library community. The Alberta Library staff met with agencies who work with multicultural populations and new Canadians, including Alberta Employment and Immigration, Alberta Education, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, Edmonton Public Schools, the Calgary Board of Education and Volunteer Alberta.

## **Digitization**

A Digitization Readiness Project, funded by an Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Library Development Initiative Grant and implemented by the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network, was established in 2008 to determine the level of Alberta public library participation in digitization projects.

Project goals include:

- creating an inventory of information of cultural and historical value held by public libraries and their communities that may be digitized,
- identifying existing digitization efforts among public libraries,
- developing a comprehensive and collaborative plan to preserve these materials through digitization.

Digitization standards, guidelines, policies, and procedures will be developed in 2009. Once these fundamental elements are in place, The Alberta Library will seek content from other memory institutions across the province.

## Alberta sparkles on the national stage



**The Alberta Library's CEO, Lucy Pana, is presented with the 2008 CLA Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship.**

The 2008 Canadian Library Association Conference in Vancouver turned into an Alberta affair, as a number of members of the province's library community were recognized with major awards.

The Alberta Library's CEO, Lucy Pana, was presented with the 2008 Canadian Library Association (CLA) Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship.

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library was presented with the 2008 Canadian Association of College and University Libraries' Innovation Achievement Award. The award recognizes academic libraries that contribute to the advancement of academic librarianship and library development.

Other award recipients included interim NEOS manager Margaret Law, Grant MacEwan College Library Director Joanne Kemp, retired Edmonton Public Library Associate Director of Public Services Patricia Jobb and University of Alberta Associate Director of Libraries Merrill Distad.

## 2008 Netspeed Conference



**David Chalk shared his insights on the future of technology at *Netspeed 2008*.**

Since 1997, The Alberta Library's annual Netspeed Conference has evolved into a world-class opportunity for the library community to explore new technologies.

Opened by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner, *Netspeed 2008* was attended by over 390 people. The conference featured entrepreneur and technology forecaster David Chalk, who shared his vision of what the technology world will look like in the next 10 years as leaders of major industries scramble to control the digital world. The presentation was sponsored by the University of Alberta as part of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

In addition to plenary and breakout sessions featuring library and technology leaders from across North America, the conference featured an exhibit showcasing technology vendors and networking opportunities for conference attendees.

## Collection Analysis Symposium

A Collection Analysis Symposium, held in Edmonton in February 2008, attracted 110 people from as far away as British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and New Jersey. The event helped identify why collection analysis is important for libraries and showcased collection evaluation methods and vendor tools.

Keynote speaker and moderator Steve Hiller, Director of Assessment and Planning at the University of Washington Libraries, was joined by vendor representatives and library staff presenting WorldCat Collection Analysis, Library Dynamics, Ulrich's Serial Analysis System and Scholarly Stats.

## New visual identity

Created in 2008, The Alberta Library's new visual identity reflects its diverse culture while creating unity and cohesiveness.



The three elements reflect the relationship between The Alberta Library, the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network and the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library. The blue element represents fibre optics and the electronic flow of information shared within The Alberta Library and the community.



The red spark represents the spark of ideas and innovation in the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network as it acts as a catalyst for positive change and continuously seeks opportunities to enhance library services.



The green leaf represents the growth and inspiration of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library.



An integrated logo acts as a unifying mark, graphically representing how the organization works together.

# Services



## Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library

With the successful official launch of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library in 2007, The Alberta Library staff continued work through 2008 to ensure the initiative meets the needs of a growing and diverse population, encouraging collaboration and seamless access to information to post-secondary learners across the province.

Program highlights:

- Sixty-four commercial products licensed, delivering millions of resources, including journals, books, newspapers, primary documents, video clips and reference works to the desktops of Alberta's post-secondary learners and faculty.
- 5.5 million search sessions were conducted using Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library information resources in 2008.
- With the support of \$1 million in grants, thousands of unique objects were digitized by the province's four universities, promoting Alberta history, culture and research worldwide.
- Integration of digital resources and related services with learning activities at each institution.
- Implementation of Verde, an electronic resource management system, to manage licenses, user agreements and other acquisition information for licensed content.
- Strategic partnerships were formed, with Canadiana.org to ensure digitized materials are available nationally and internationally, and with Sun Microsystems Inc. to provide access to Alberta heritage items stored on remote applications.
- Continued investment by participating institutions to strengthen local collections. E-resource spending throughout the province increased from \$13,963,000 in 2004/5 to \$16,134,980 in 2007/08 – an absolute percentage increase of 16 per cent and an average increase of 33 per cent.
- Participating institutions contributed approximately \$475,000 in real and in-kind dollars to ensure the goals and objectives of the initiative are maximized.

While the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library provides learners with a rich environment of licensed and digitized resources, it is also essential to ensure successful use of these resources, promote their integration into post-secondary curricula and prepare students to be competent users of online materials when they enter the workforce.

To achieve these goals, The Alberta Library staff work closely with the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Information Literacy and Awareness Committee. The committee ensures the broadest possible promotion of the programs embedded in the initiative and develops collaborative strategies to produce a culture of competent users of electronic information and services.

Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library funding also ensures sustainability for digitization projects and has helped Alberta's universities to partner with other organizations to create digital content.

## TAL Card

A TAL Card enables Albertans to walk into over 290 public, post-secondary and special libraries across the province, borrow material and return it to any participating library. The card provides free access to millions of books, magazines and more.

In 2008 TAL welcomed the Alberta Legislature Library as a new participant in the program. Work also began on redesigning the TAL Card and associated materials for the program. The new design will be launched in 2009.

## TAL Online

With TAL Online, all member libraries are the same size. TAL Online is a free search engine that provides access to catalogues of over 290 libraries province-wide. It enables users to search over 30 millions items, including popular magazines, journals and newspapers.

In 2008 there were 85,732 unique visitors to TAL Online, a seven per cent increase over 2007. Total visits increased by six per cent, to 218,714.

## Online Reference Centre

The Online Reference Centre (ORC), part of Alberta Education's LearnAlberta.ca website, provides a unique collection of online reference and information resources for students, teachers and parents in Alberta. Available in both English and French, these resources support the Alberta Kindergarten to Grade 12 programs of study.

There was an eight per cent increase in the use of ORC resources in 2008, and seven new databases were added. These new resources support the Alberta Junior and Senior Social Studies curriculum, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs of study, reading literacy, French as a Second Language and early French Immersion programs. Twenty-one in-service sessions were provided to 675 educators throughout the province.



## Ask A Question

With Ask A Question, the public can e-mail a question any time and get an answer from qualified library reference staff – usually within 24 hours.

In 2008, the number of public library questions increased by six per cent. In a survey of Albertans, 84 per cent reported satisfaction with the service they received through Ask a Question, 91 per cent said they would use the service again, and 82 per cent rated the service as very fast or fast. Approximately 35 per cent of the respondents had never asked a librarian for assistance before using the Ask A Question service.

The second year of a pilot project enabled students from the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies and Grant MacEwan College's Information Management and Library Technician program to act as Ask A Question practitioners – with students answering almost 350 questions over a three month period.

## Licensing

Purchasing online resources can be a costly, time-consuming and specialized task for libraries. That's why The Alberta Library negotiates and administers over \$6 million in license agreements for electronic resources for member libraries, the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library and the Online Reference Centre. Leveraging the power of a consortium results in significant savings for libraries – in some cases 25 per cent or more – which improves access to information for all Albertans.

In 2008 the Subscriptions Alberta Universal Core suite of electronic materials for public, academic, and special library members was updated to include six new products.

In addition to the Universal Core, TAL offers libraries the opportunity to join other subscriptions on an opt-in, opt-out basis. New subscriptions in 2008 include the Canadian Almanac, Canada Info Desk, Europa World Plus, RefWorks, Canadian Points of View Reference Centre, Points of View Reference Centre, Vocation Studies Premier and Complete, Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre, NoveList Plus, NoveList K8 Plus, Lexis Nexis Academic, Lexis Nexis Environmental, Lexis Nexis Statistical, QuickLaw, and QuickLaw Premium. On behalf of Consortia Canada, TAL negotiated license agreements for Canadian Almanac and Canada Info Desk.

The Alberta Library continues to offer access to H.W. Wilson's Library Literature database to all member library staff.

## Community Access Program

The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network administered the 2008/09 Industry Canada Community Access Program (CAP). The program provides electronic resources to public libraries to enable them to offer free electronic services such as Internet and e-mail to their patrons. Funding remained stable at \$478,697.

The Community Access Program has enabled public libraries in Alberta to purchase new public access computers, install wireless access points and assistive and adaptive technologies, and pay for Internet connections, software and basic supplies.

## SuperNet

The Alberta SuperNet is a 13,000 kilometre, high-speed, fibre and wireless broadband network linking government offices, schools, health-care facilities and libraries in 429 communities across the province.

The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network Technology Infrastructure Committee began work in 2008 on SuperNet technical standards and requirements for public libraries. The committee also developed a business case outlining the current and potential use of public libraries' SuperNet connections to link with other provincial initiatives including services to new Canadians, business information and incubation, and cultural awareness.

## Professional Development and Training

Mobile Training Labs continue to be a popular resource with the public library community. The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network provides two labs for libraries to borrow for up to three months at a time. Both labs have wireless capabilities, a wireless router and digital projectors.

Four libraries and four regional library systems borrowed the labs to enhance training delivery in their communities in 2008. Libraries used the labs to deliver entry level computer courses and to expand patrons' access to Internet. Regional libraries used the labs to deliver training at conferences, and to train library staff on new interlibrary loan software and Integrated Library Systems.

Training librarians from across the province continued to get support for participating in the Becoming a Master Instructor program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

The APLEN Training Committee provided direction on the development of the '23 Things you need to know in 15 minutes a day' program. A Training Document Repository was also launched in 2008 to enable documentation, websites and other digital content to be shared.



## Capacity Grants

The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network Standing Committee provided capacity grants to libraries in 2008 supporting the high-end technical infrastructure and training needs of libraries.

Projects identified by libraries include: Integrated Library System migration, training, disaster recovery, radio frequency identification, and network hardware.

The following grants were distributed:

- Calgary Public Library: \$293,644
- Edmonton Public Library: \$210,276
- Chinook Arch Regional Library System: \$43,193
- Marigold Library System: \$43,193
- Northern Lights Library System: \$43,193
- Parkland Regional Library System: \$43,193
- Peace Library System: \$43,193
- Shortgrass Library System: \$43,193
- Yellowhead Regional Library System: \$43,193
- Fort McMurray Public Library: \$28,795
- Grande Prairie Public Library: \$28,795
- Red Deer Public Library: \$28,795
- Lethbridge Public Library: \$28,795
- Medicine Hat Public Library: \$28,795
- St. Albert Public Library: \$28,795
- Strathcona County Library: \$28,795

## Local Library Participation Grants

In 2008, Local Library Participation Grants of \$5,000 per site were awarded to Calling Lake Public Library, Bibliotheque St. Isidore Library, Wembley Public Library, Irma Municipal Library and the Edmonton Public Library Lois Hole Branch. Grants were used to purchase Integrated Library System licenses, install or upgrade internal networks, and purchase additional hardware and training.

## Special Project Grants

In 2008, APLEN provided \$50,000 to Marigold Library System on behalf of the Rural Information Services Initiative.

## Emerging Technologies

The Alberta Library Electronic Network Standing Committee created an Emerging Technologies project team with representation from the post-secondary library sector. Their mandate is to identify emerging technology areas that should be considered for public library development.

The team developed a ranked list of 15 emerging technologies, which addressed the patron's experience with public library resources, and the technical infrastructure necessary to support applications. This list will be further developed through 2009.

## Information Technology

The Alberta Library's Information Technology Services team expanded its focus in 2008 from the design and maintenance of the infrastructure and applications required to support Alberta's library community to the implementation and redevelopment of applications.

Highlights include:

- implementation of key services, such as new firewalls, a mailing listserv application, and security services,
- migration of The Alberta Library's services to new hardware, improving response times and minimizing downtime due to hardware failure,
- implementation of an electronic resource management system in partnership with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary,
- redevelopment and deployment of a new web presence including The Alberta Library's e-newsletter and public library campaign,
- creation of the Information Technology Services Committee,
- implementation of the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network Training Document Repository.

The team also began to develop new projects with initial releases expected in 2009 including:

- redevelopment of the Ask A Question applications,
- implementation of a digital repository application and service to house digitized material,
- implementation of digital repository federation applications allowing The Alberta Library to share data with Canadiana.org and enhance the search and retrieval capabilities of an Alberta-wide portal and the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library portal.

Support for the key applications continued, including SFX for open URL searching, TAL Online for the virtual library catalogue, and EZproxy, which provides remote access to electronic services.



## 2008 Applications Use Statistics

### EZproxy

Unique users: 70,320 (18 per cent increase)  
Total visits: 202,167 (24 per cent increase)

### SFX

Total requests: 123,797 (5 per cent increase)  
Click-throughs: 55,431 (9 per cent decrease)

SFX use included nearly 36,000 requests for full-text articles, nearly 10,000 requests for interlibrary loans and over 5,600 requests for catalogue searches.

## Governance

The Alberta Library's governance structure includes close to 50 Board members from diverse backgrounds, including academic and public libraries and regional library systems.

In 2008 The Alberta Library began a thorough review of its governance structure. Led by Toni Lashbrook of Lashbrook and Associates, the outcomes of the review are to:

- assess the effectiveness of TAL's current governance structure to ensure that it supports TAL's work by providing appropriate leadership and stewardship, and
- provide recommendations to improve the Board's governance capabilities.

The review included a survey and in-depth telephone interviews with Board members. The Alberta Library's Governance Committee will submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors in 2009.

## Advocacy

In October 2008 The Alberta Library participated in discussions with the Alberta Government's three-member MLA committee, created to work with libraries to review and make recommendations on how to keep libraries strong as they look to the future.

Committee members included Jeff Johnson, MLA for Athabasca-Redwater (Chair), Teresa Woo-Paw, MLA for Calgary-Mackay and Fred Horne, MLA for Edmonton-Rutherford.

Discussions focused on how the province can support a strong province-wide public library service, encourage collaboration to achieve benefits not possible from working independently, and maximize service delivery through the use of technology.

The Alberta Library staff also met with Capital Region Caucus and a variety of government members over the year to discuss a range of issues, including funding, digitization and the provision of language learning software to support newcomers to the province.

## Communications

In October 2008, TAL Communications led the launch of Books and beyond, a campaign designed to break stereotypes and show how Albertans use libraries in their everyday lives.

Funded by the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network and aimed primarily at 18 – 35 year-olds, the internationally recognized campaign featured TV, radio, online and print ads and posters. Each ad presented a scenario that showed people using not only books, but CDs, DVDs, the Internet and library programs for everything from climbing Mount Everest to roasting poultry ... with an ironic twist (see the campaign at [www.booksandbeyond.ca](http://www.booksandbeyond.ca)). The campaign will continue to be developed in 2009.

Other communications highlights for the year include the development of a new visual identity for the organization, revised content for the launch of a more user-friendly website for The Alberta Library and a more reader-friendly format for the e-newsletter.

Communications also produced the 2008 Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Progress Report and led the development of a promotion campaign for the Tell Me More language learning software initiative.

## The road ahead

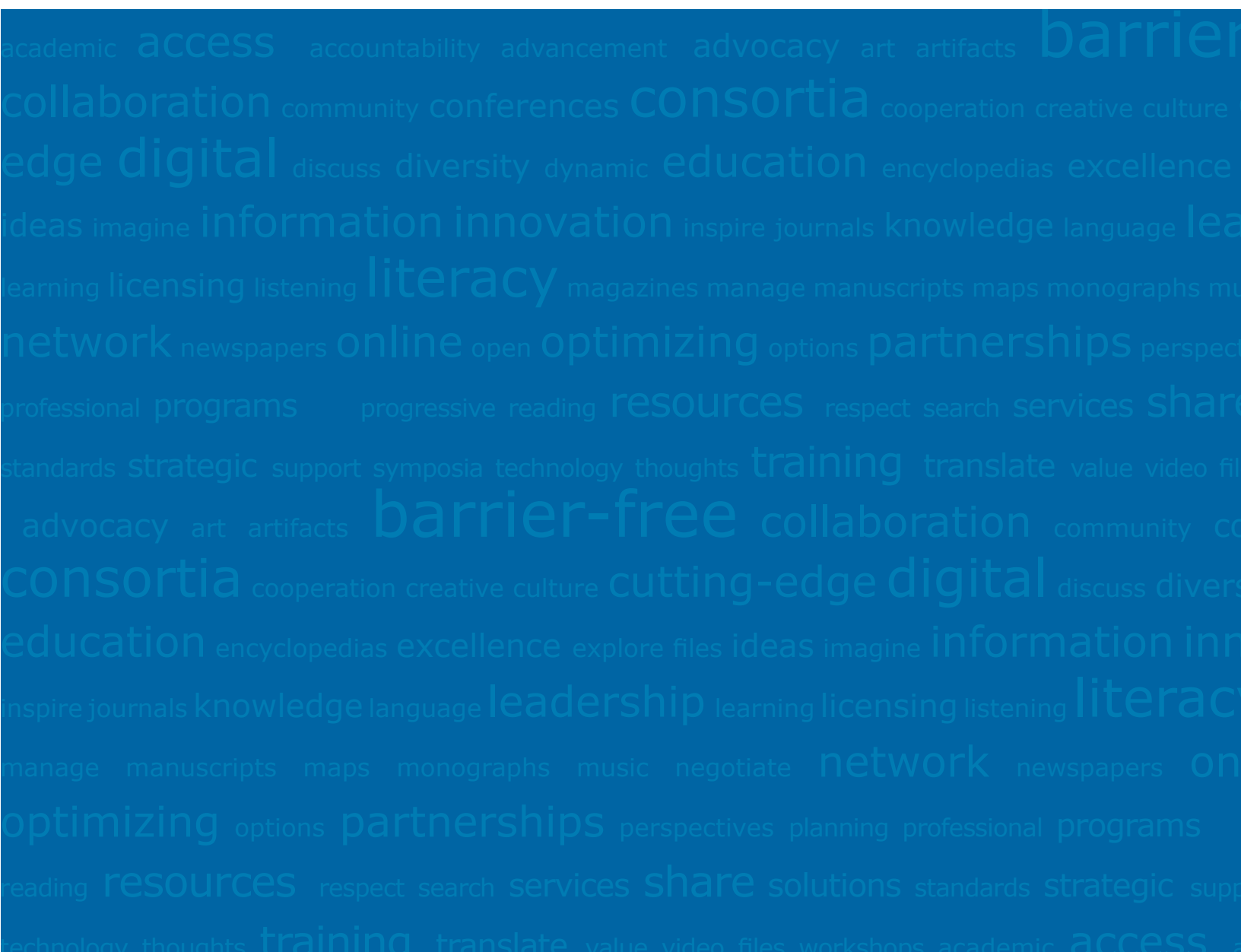
With the retirement of its Chief Executive Officer in February 2009, The Alberta Library will recruit a new leader for the first time since the organization was created in 1997. We thank Lucy Pana for her strategic leadership over the years, and for her role in creating an organization that has enormous growth potential.

While a new Chief Executive Officer will bring new ideas, The Alberta Library continues to be guided by its 2007 – 2011 Strategic Plan. The goals and strategies outlined in the plan provide a framework for the organization to grow and evolve, ensure a sound and sustainable corporate structure and position the organization as a model of excellence.

The Alberta Library's 2009 budget plan includes a review of risks and assumptions. The most significant financial risk to the organization is the increasing cost of databases due to a weaker Canadian dollar.

While the organization continues to emphasize a prudent, conservative approach to budgeting, it will also continue to seek opportunities to enhance library services. One of the most promising avenues for growth in 2009 is digitization. Standards, guidelines, policies and procedures will be developed over the year to position The Alberta Library as a trusted repository of the province's cultural and heritage digital resources.

# Financial Statement



# Financial Statement

Below is a summary of the key financial indicators from the 2008 audited financial statement. A full copy of the audited statements is available upon request from The Alberta Library.

## Statement of operations and changes in fund balances

For the year ended December 31, 2008

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted			Internally Restricted			Total
	Operating Fund	APLEN Fund	APLEN CAP Fund	Online Reference Centre Fund	Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Fund	Capital Asset Fund	Contingency Reserve Fund	General Reserve Fund	
Revenue	\$ 2,796,080	\$ 1,872,152	\$ 478,697	\$ 2,110,005	\$ 5,351,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,608,005
Expenses	3,249,346	2,273,849	515,236	1,968,167	4,755,158	211,659	-	-	12,973,415
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(453,266)	(401,697)	(36,539)	141,838	595,913	(211,659)	-	-	(365,410)
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	1,483,253	36,539	97,174	4,783,649	685,686	300,000	160,680	7,546,981
Interfund transfers									
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-	(19,474)	19,474	-	-	-
Administrative costs	565,000	(225,000)	-	(70,000)	(270,000)	-	-	-	-
Other transfers	(111,734)	-	-	-	-	111,734	-	-	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 856,556	\$ -	\$ 169,012	\$ 5,090,088	\$ 605,235	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,680	\$ 7,181,571

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## Statement of financial position

December 31, 2008

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	Operating Fund	APLEN Fund	APLEN CAP Fund	Online Reference Centre Fund	Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Fund	Capital Asset Fund	Contingency Reserve Fund	General Reserve Fund	
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Current Assets	\$ 121,969	\$ 867,887	-	\$ 179,442	\$ 5,128,100	257,982	\$ 300,000	\$ 160,680	\$ 7,016,060
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	347,253	-	-	347,253
	<u>\$ 121,969</u>	<u>\$ 867,887</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 179,442</u>	<u>\$ 5,128,100</u>	<u>\$ 605,235</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,680</u>	<u>\$ 7,363,313</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>									
Current Liabilities	\$ 121,969	\$ 11,331	-	\$ 10,430	\$ 38,012	-	-	-	\$ 181,742
Fund Balances	-	856,556	-	169,012	5,090,088	605,235	300,000	160,680	7,181,571
	<u>\$ 121,969</u>	<u>\$ 867,887</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 179,442</u>	<u>\$ 5,128,100</u>	<u>\$ 605,235</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,680</u>	<u>\$ 7,363,313</u>



# 2008 Board of Directors and Committee Members

The strength of The Alberta Library is the commitment of its members, who contribute to the common good by working to constantly improve library services for all Albertans. In 2008, members again contributed their talents, creativity, experience and time on the board and in committees that support The Alberta Library's strategic objectives.

Note: Lucy Pana, TAL CEO, was an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors and all committees.

\*Indicates Executive Committee Member.

## 2008 Board of Directors

### University and College Libraries

**Karen Adams**  
University of Alberta Libraries (to June)

**Sandy Ayer**  
Ambrose University College Library

**Susan Banskrove**  
Lakeland College Library (to April)

**Susan Brayford**  
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Library

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**Jason Dewling**  
Lakeland College Library (from April)

**Fiona Dyer**  
Lethbridge Community College Library

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Grant MacEwan College Library (to December)

**\*Helga Kinnaird**  
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**Debbie McGugan**  
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**Kevin Dodds**  
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Marigold Library System

**Maggie Macdonald**  
Chinook Arch Regional Library System

**Clive Maishment**  
Yellowhead Regional Library (to August)

**\* Mircea Panciuk**  
Northern Lights Library System

**Julia Reinhart**  
Shortgrass Library System

**Ron Sheppard**  
Parkland Regional Library

### Public Libraries

**\*Linda Cook**  
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**Dean Frey**  
Red Deer Public Library

**Laurie Harrison**  
Grande Prairie Public Library

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**Gerry Meek**  
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**Liz Rossnagel**  
Lethbridge Public Library (to August)

**Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins**  
Medicine Hat Public Library

**Bev Shimazaki**  
Lethbridge Public Library (from October)

**Craig Shufelt**  
Fort McMurray Public Library

**Sharon Siga**  
Strathcona County Public Library

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