



# Strong Libraries - Strong Communities



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



7 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 over 21 million books, CDs, DVDs, and eBooks from public libraries (5.5 items per capita)

Over 1.4 million people took part in over 89,000 programs at Alberta's libraries.



**Parkland Regional Library (PRL)** is a Cooperative network of **49** libraries serving **218,595** residents in **64** municipalities across Central Alberta.

\*Statistics based on 2018 Annual Report to Alberta Municipal Affairs



There were 93,126 downloads of eContent\*

PRL member libraries lent 1,312,27 items in 2018.

That's 6 items per resident.



PRL member libraries offered 10,259 programs ...



...connecting 145,423 people to literacy, learning, technology, skill development, community resources and to each other



356 public computers in PRL member libraries are free to all - supporting learning and literacy, employment, and helping to prevent social isolation\*



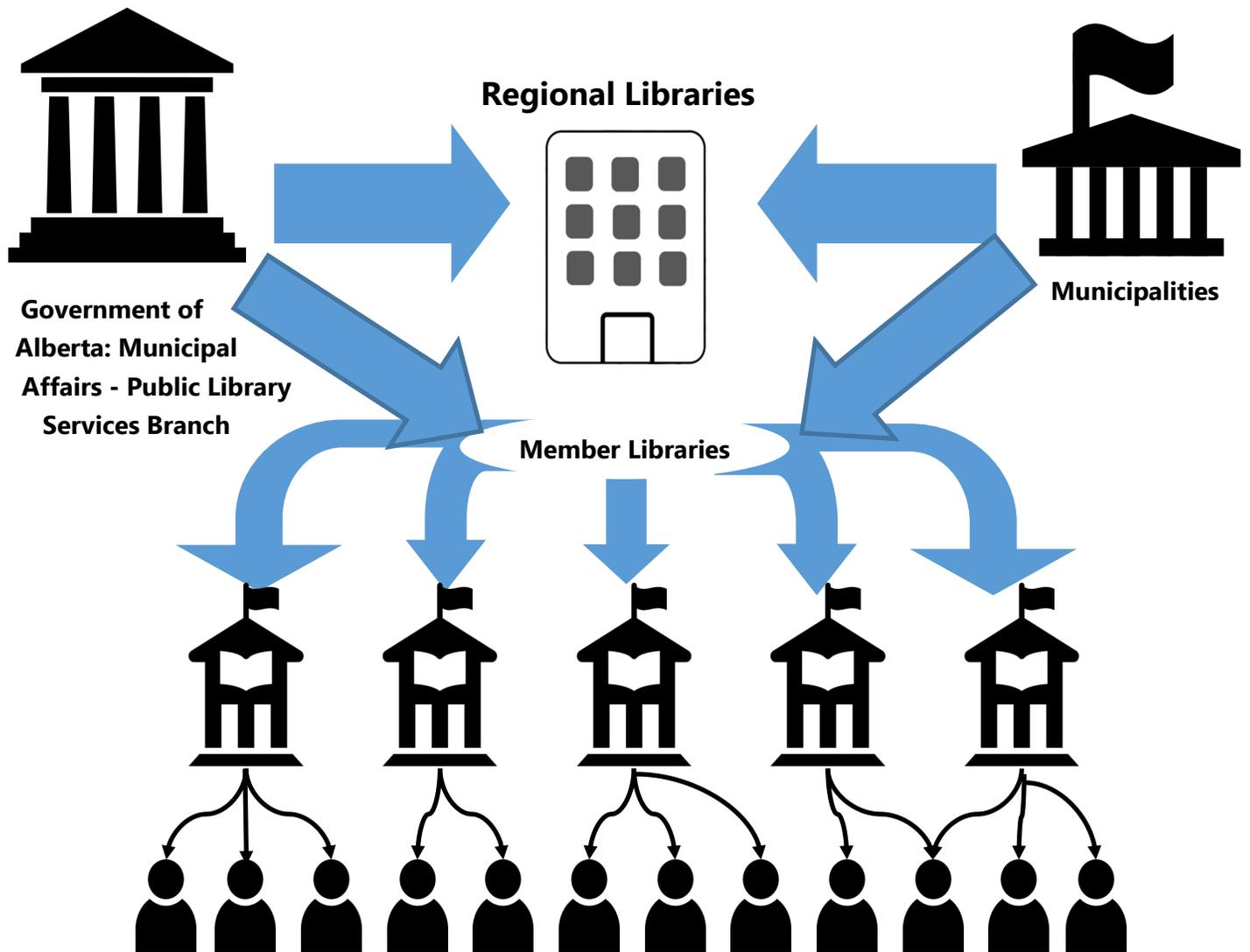
Our stable network and broadband services supported 205,943 hours of computer use



995,243 free Wi-Fi sessions in PRL libraries allowed people to connect to information and to others through phones, tablets and laptops

Parkland Regional Library (PRL) participates in a province-wide sharing network that lets people borrow print material held by any Alberta library, including universities and colleges.

We achieve bulk purchase savings for member libraries, offer special collections and programming kits, provide technical and professional support to staff, plus training to staff and boards that enables them to meet local needs and engage in community development.



Provincial operating grants to municipal and system library boards = \$29,744,701

The Alberta government supports connectivity in public libraries, digital content, and a resource sharing network. Total investment = \$34,190,857

Municipal contributions to municipal and system library boards = \$155,817,341