

YRL Trustees Orientation Jan.29 2024

YRL is second oldest Library Board in Alberta

Presentation regarding Prov. Government Library Act. (under the act)

- Municipalities decide if they wish to be involved
- local boards are given ability to create systems that work for their region
- the regulations allow for a lot of autonomy and flexibility for local boards
- over 97+ municipalities belong to one of the 7 library boards
- local boards have full management and control of their system and services
- local boards set rates and fee structure
- Yearly budgets are sent to member municipalities for review
- Grants from Prov. Pay for staffing/building ect. Member levies pay for books computers and other.
- Regional boards collect information from all their local libraries, schools and member municipalities to develop plans that suit the local needs with regards to budget

TRAC library cards required to register with TAL for Edmonton Calgary local library boards and also to TEL system for academic library access. See YRL website.

YRL staff turnover is and has been almost nil for some time. Considered a safe place to work

Overall libraries advocate within their communities and are community hubs, and a safe place for all.

YRL welcomes questions from members and are available to come and do presentations in the community.

Overall I have been impressed with the organization, and thoughtful, informative discussions that I have witnessed at the meetings that I have attended.

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