

For every **\$1.00** you pay to YRL, your local library receives **\$3.22** in services.

Your Direct Benefits

\$493,130.97

(Direct Financial Return + Direct Benefits of YRL Services)

Your Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$3.22

2025 Membership Levy Your Municipality Paid to YRL **\$152,973.75**

Direct Financial Return

Local Library Collections YRL returns \$0.75 per capita of the \$4.75 per capita levy rate directly to local public libraries to purchase collections material.

- 2025 Materials allotment from YRL **\$5,595.11**

Direct Benefits of YRL Services to Your Five Local Libraries

Note: Cost avoidance means your library does not budget or pay for these services.

Technology

Services your libraries receive to support public access to Internet, WiFi and more.

- Website \$353.00
- Software and licensing \$7,257.33
- SuperNet and hardware \$44,973.53
- Cost avoidance** **\$52,583.86**

Resource Sharing

Services your patrons receive because of your membership in YRL.

- Items borrowed from other libraries: **7,166** \$103,907.00
- Digital items borrowed through YRL: **5,361** \$268,050.00
- Cost avoidance** **\$371,957.00**

Library Operations Software, Kits and Materials

Services your libraries receive to support programming, professional development and more.

Cost avoidance **\$55,495.00**

Training

Services your library staff receive to support high-quality, professional and responsive library services in your community.

- Free YRL training/workshop participation in hours 3
Note: May not reflect all training provided, such as informal sessions.

Cost avoidance **\$7,500.00**

Total Financial Savings **\$487,535.86**

With YRL membership, residents gain:

- Access to more than three million items in the TRAC¹ collection.
- Free digital content access of eAudiobooks, eBooks, eComics and eManga, eMagazines, movies, music, and television shows through 25 online resources, including:
 - **Accessible Alberta, Centre for Equitable Library Access and National Network for Equitable Library Service:** provincial and national collections for those with print disabilities.
 - **Beanstack:** creation support for a community of readers in the YRL region.
 - **LinkedIn Learning:** business and computer technology video tutorials to help develop the skills to participate in the modern workforce.
 - **Brainfuse:** online learning platform to support homework help and study support for learners of all ages, and career supports for interviewing, career coaching and more.

And your five libraries have access to:

- Free broadband Internet connection via SuperNet (paid for by the Government of Alberta) and WiFi.
- IT support and services including password managers for library leadership teams, cybersecurity awareness training, and Microsoft 365.
- The library software that manages borrowers, circulation, and materials.
- A new online catalogue and mobile app for the public to access library resources, manage their personal account and self-checkout items on the app.
- A bulk discount of 37% on library books purchased through YRL.
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated materials.
- Free delivery and pick up of materials at least once every week.
- Physical library cards at no cost.
- Professional library expertise and access to regional knowledge sharing.
- Training and materials for onboarding, skill building and professional development of library staff and board members.
 - In 2025 this included: Learn with Novelist, handling public and media challenges in libraries, community of practice meet-ups, programmers' workshop, Indigenous cultural training, and LEAP software training.

¹Originally formed in 2001, The Regional Libraries Computer Automation Systems Consortium (TRAC) Society is comprised of Marigold Library System in Strathmore, Northern Lights Library System in Elk Point, Peace Library System in Grande Prairie, and Yellowhead Regional Library in Spruce Grove.