



the alberta library

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**What is the
Alberta Library?**

VISION

Together. One card. One click.

MISSION

**Strengthening communities
through collaboration**

Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

Engage

Connect

Inspire

Who are the TAL Members?

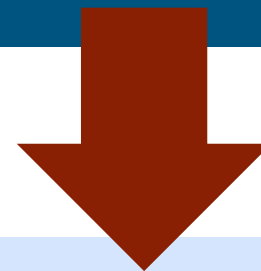
- **Public libraries and library systems**
- **Post-secondary libraries**
- **Special libraries**

How is TAL organized?

Board
Executive Committee
Working Groups


What does TAL do?

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TAL Online

Library Catalogue Search

 **TIP** Want to search just one catalogue? Try [Advanced Database Selection](#).

[Where to Begin](#) ?

Search [\[Explain\]](#)

☒ Keywords ☐ Authors ☐ Titles

example: robert aitken

More Search Options

[Advanced Search](#)

Provides powerful search tools.

[Custom Search](#)

Search a custom group of library catalogues and article databases.

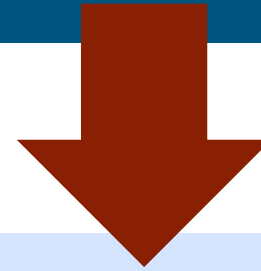
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

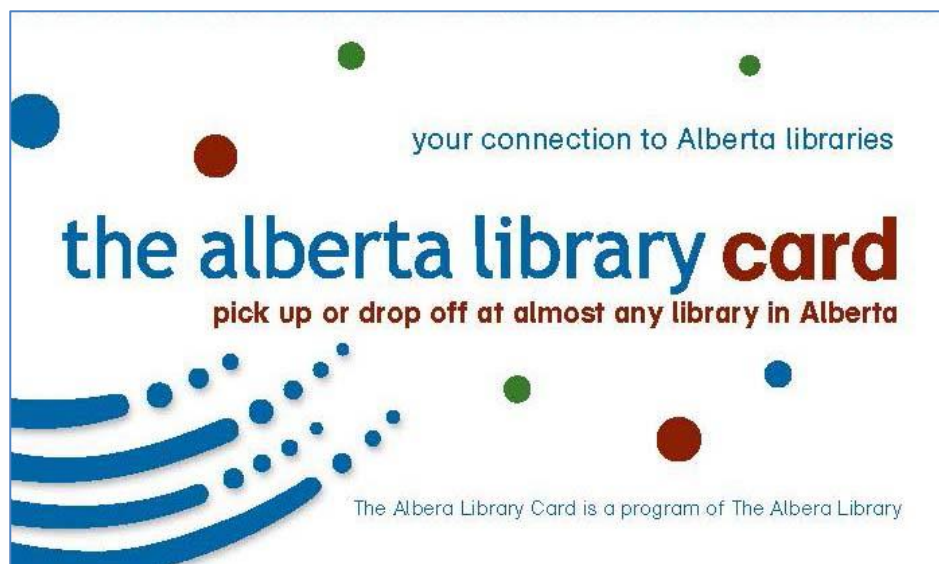
Welcome

THE ALBERTA LIBRARY

What does TAL do?



TAL Card



- This card must be presented each time materials are borrowed.
- Loss of this card or change of address must be reported.
- Privileges extended with this card may be revoked for cause.
- This card is not transferable.

I agree to be responsible for all materials borrowed on this card and to abide by the rules and regulations of the libraries where I use this card.

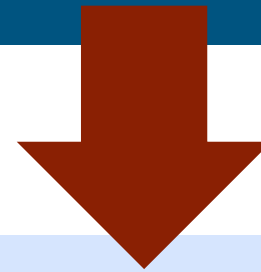
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Issuing Library _____

Signature _____

Expiry Date _____

What does TAL do?



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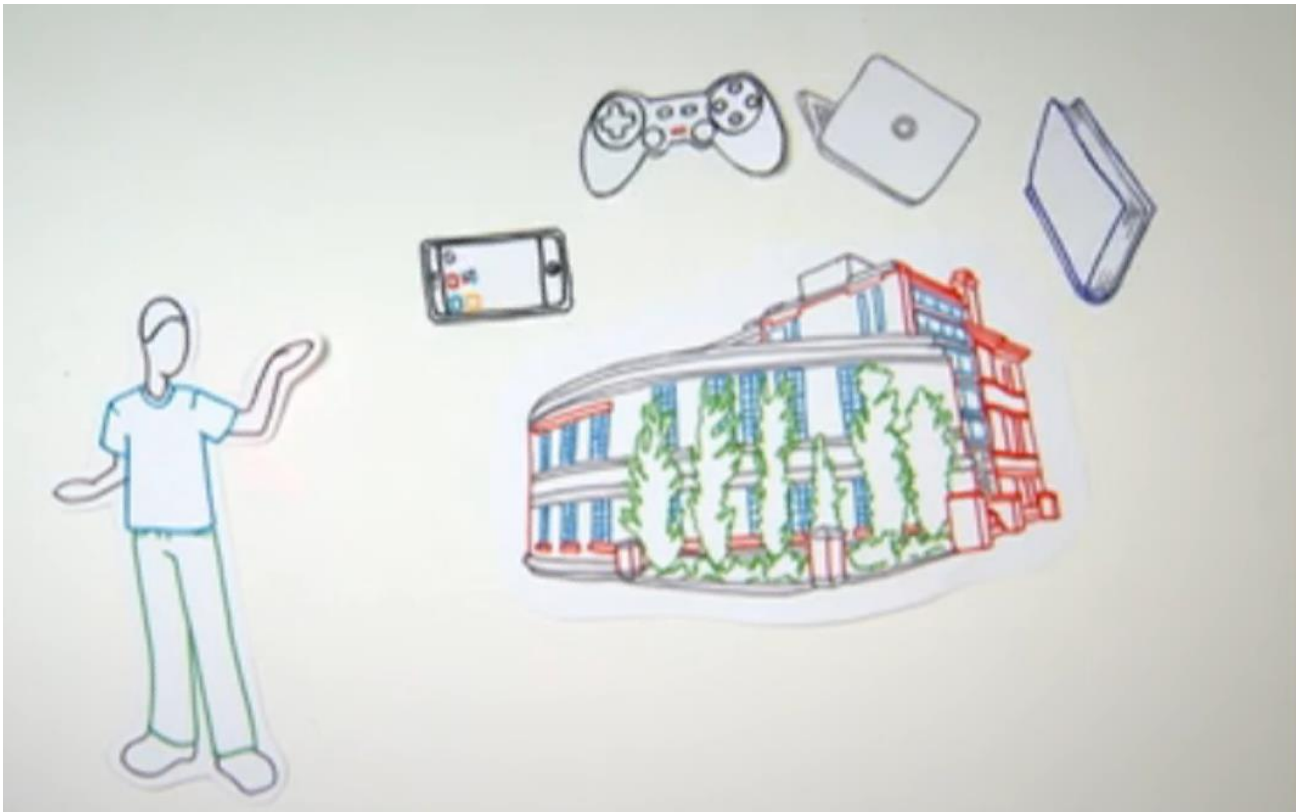
- **Over 200 digital resources**
- **Worth over \$6,800,000 each year**
- **Universal Core**
- **APLEN funded resources**
- **Online Reference Centre (ORC)**

Universal Core

- **Electronic resources common to all members (voluntary)**
- **Resources for all users TAL member libraries**
- **3 year cycle; new cycle starts in 2014**
- **New structure? Add sector cores?**

Alberta Libraries — We're Connected Video

<http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/connected.html>

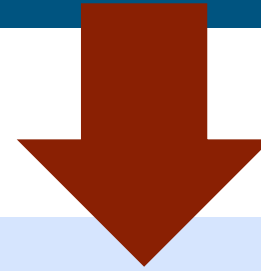


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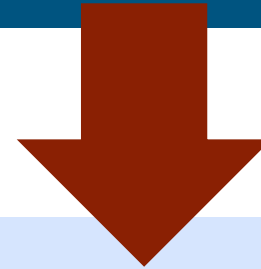
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electronic network

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the public library network by**



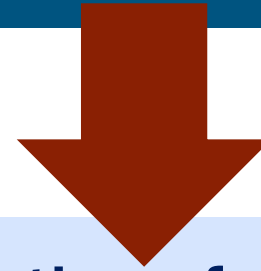
**Licensing, facilitating access to,
and evaluating e-content solutions
that support public library
network priorities**

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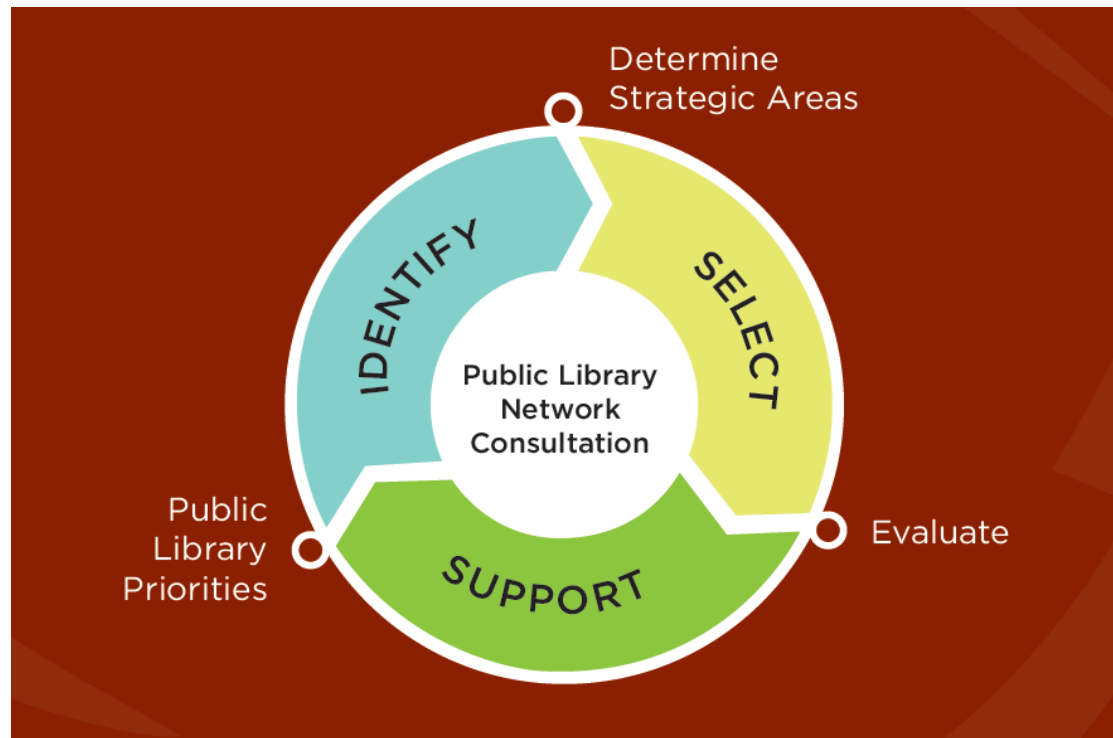
**Providing supplemental training to
public library staff working in a
networked environment
with an emphasis on technology
plan projects**

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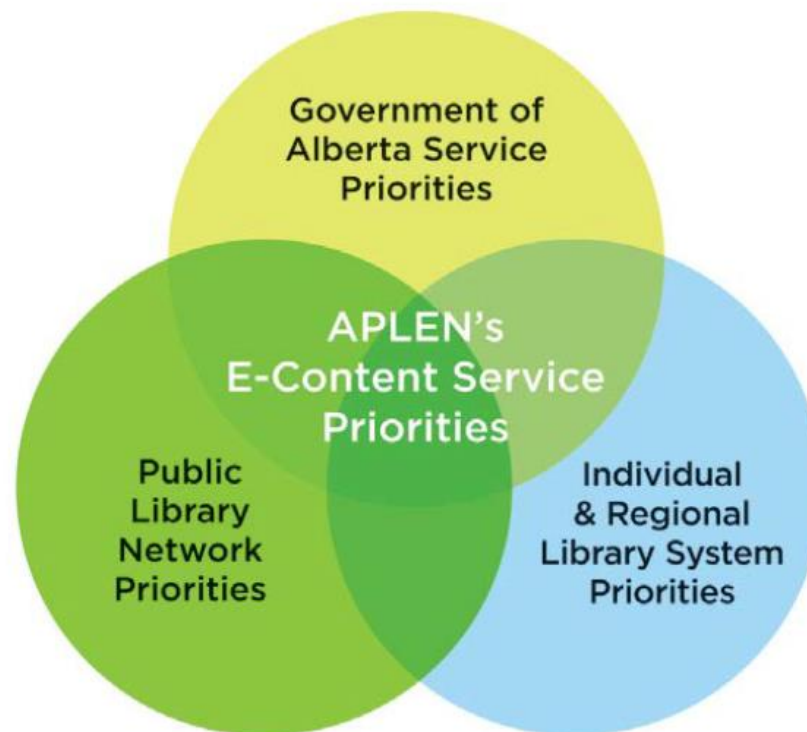


**Implementing recommendations from the
technology plan for public libraries
in conjunction with the PLSB
with an emphasis on seamless access,
Alberta-wide borrowing, discovery tool and
interlibrary loan**

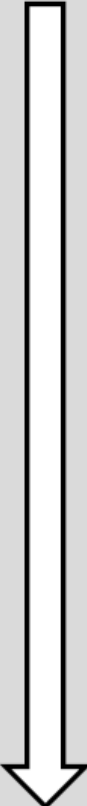
E-CONTENT STRATEGY 2014-16

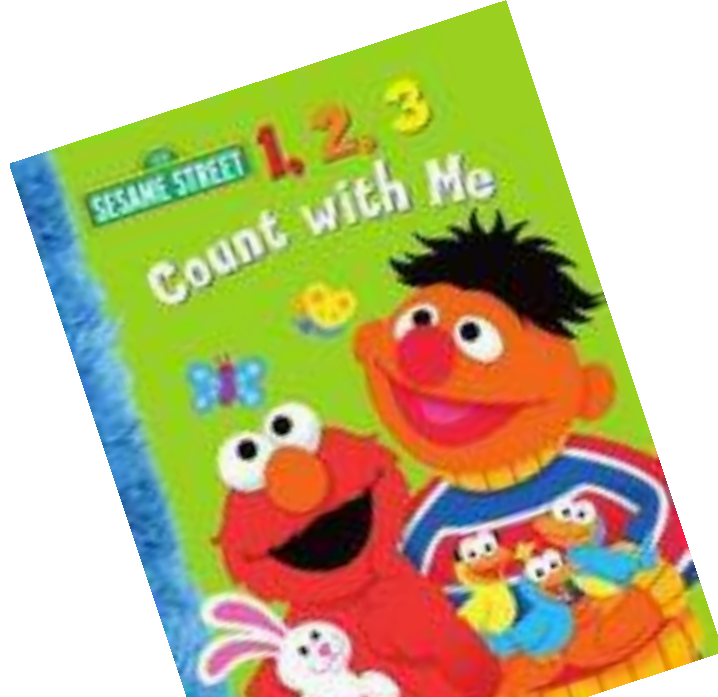


E-CONTENT STRATEGY 2014-16



PUBLIC LIBRARY PLANS OF SERVICE ANALYSIS 2012-2013

Strength of showing in Service Plans	Library Service Response	Definition as per "Service Planning for Alberta Libraries: A Guide and Workbook"	Products APLEN licenses that address the need	Products in the current Universal Core that address the need
Strongly Visible 	Create Young Readers: Early Literacy	Children from birth to age five will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write, and listen.	Nil	Nil
	Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning	Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.	Freeding, NoveList, Press Display, Auto Repair Reference Center	Canadian Newsstand Complete, CPI.Q Canadian Periodicals Index Online, Canadian Reference Centre, MasterFILE Premier
	Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing and Listening for Pleasure	Residents who want materials to enhance their leisure time will find what they want, when and where they want them, and will have the help they need to make choices from among the options.	Freeding, NoveList, Press Display	Canadian Newsstand Complete, CPI.Q Canadian Periodicals Index Online
	Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces	Residents will have safe and welcoming physical places to meet and interact with others or to sit quietly and read and will have open and accessible virtual spaces that support networking.	Nil	Nil
	Welcome to Canada: Services for New Immigrants	New immigrants and refugees will have information on employment, public schooling, health and safety, available social services, and any other topic they need to participate successfully in Canadian life.	Mango, Press Display	Nil
	Succeed in School: Homework Help	Students will have the resources they need to succeed in school.	Canadian Points of View Reference Centre	World Book, World Book Kids, World Book Advanced, L'Encyclopedie Decouverte, Education Research Complete
	Discover Your Roots: Genealogy and Local History	Residents and visitors will have the resources they need to connect the past with the present through their family histories and to understand the history and traditions of the community.	Heritage Quest Online	Nil



Network training priorities

- Project management*
- Collaborative information sharing*
- Using social media and other communication tools to market library services more successfully
- Network management
- Frontline technology skills*



The APLEN Training Centre is a hub for libraries to:

- share their training materials
- learn from the collective experience of library staff
- discuss Alberta library training

Resources made by Alberta libraries for Alberta libraries

All Resources

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ebooks

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Training Resource Filters, click to expand

— RESOURCE TYPE

- ☐ PDF
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[How to Start with Freading for PC](#)

[Get Overdrive on your Kobo](#)

[Get Overdrive on your Mobile Android Device](#)

[Get Overdrive on your Mobile Apple Device](#)

[How to start with Overdrive for Mac](#)

[How to start with Overdrive on PC](#)

[Help with Windows 8 RT](#)

— SOURCE LIBRARY

- ☐ The Alberta Library
- ☐ Calgary Public Library
- ☐ Chinook Arch Regional Library System
- ☐ Edmonton Public Library
- ☐ Fort MacMurray Public Library
- ☐ Grande Prairie Public Library
- ☐ Lethbridge Public Library
- ☐ Marigold Library System
- ☐ Medicine Hat Public Library
- ☐ Northern Lights Library System
- ☐ Parkland Regional Library
- ☐ Peace Library System
- ☐ Red Deer Public Library
- ☐ Shortgrass Library System
- ☐ Spruce Grove Public Library

— TRAINING TOPIC

- ☐ Children's Programming
- ☐ Computer Applications
- ☐ Computer Basics
- ☐ Content Creation
- ☐ Information Literacy
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Interlibrary Loans
- ☐ eBooks
- ☐ ILS
- ☐ Library Advocacy
- ☐ Library Databases
- ☐ Library Information
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ SRC 2013
- ☐ Story Time

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APLEN Digital Media Labs

- Original intent was digital content creation
- Primarily used for staff/customer training
- Shipping was an obstacle
- Upgraded, cleaned up, modernized
- Minecraft installed
- Open source, freely available sound, film, and photo editing software installed

APLEN Digital Media Labs

Art applications

- Gimp 2
- Inkspace
- Graftx2

Editing

- PDF Viewer
- Scribus

Sound editing

- Audacity

Gaming

- Kodu Game Lab
- Scratch
- MineCraftEdu
- Adventure Game Studio

Video editing

- Blender
- Wax 2.0
- VLMC (Video Lan Movie Creator)

Mobile Technology Labs

A variety of mobile laptop labs are available to be borrowed by Alberta public libraries. The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN) is covering all shipping costs to and from libraries borrowing the labs for the remainder of 2013.

In order to request a mobile laptop lab, please complete the submission form below. You are able to see the bookings for the labs by clicking on the individual labs or by viewing the calendar. Once a request has been submitted, an APLEN staff member will be in touch with you in order to finalize the details of your submission.

For questions regarding the APLEN mobile laptop labs, please contact the APLEN Training Librarian at training.librarian@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca.

[Digital Media Lab #1](#)

[Digital Media Lab #2](#)

[Digital Media Lab #3](#)

[Digital Media Lab #4](#)

[Gadget Lab](#)

[Ultra Portable Lab](#)

[Windows XP Lab](#)

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Book a Mobile Technology Training Lab

Mobile Technology Training Labs Booking Calendar

April 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	* Gadget Lab 2013-02-28 01:00 to 2013-04-19 01:00					*
	* DMLs 3 & 4 2013-03-29 01:00 to 2013-06-07 01:00					*
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
* Gadget Lab 2013-02-28 01:00 to 2013-04-19 01:00					*	
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Discovery Service



Expect **More**
from a Discovery Service
A Single Search is Just the Beginning...

Discover Your Library Collection **Search**

EBSCO
Discovery Service



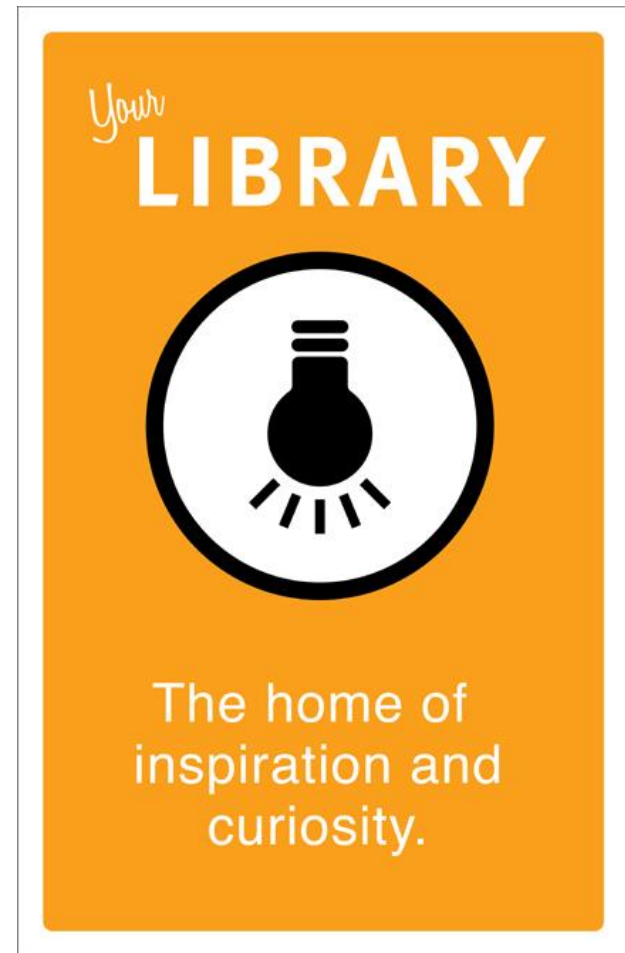
Future actions

- **Implement the e-content strategy**
- **Launch the discovery service**
- **Evaluate project management course**
- **Expand Alberta-Wide Borrowing**
- **Idea – The Shop/The Laboratory**
- **You tell me?**

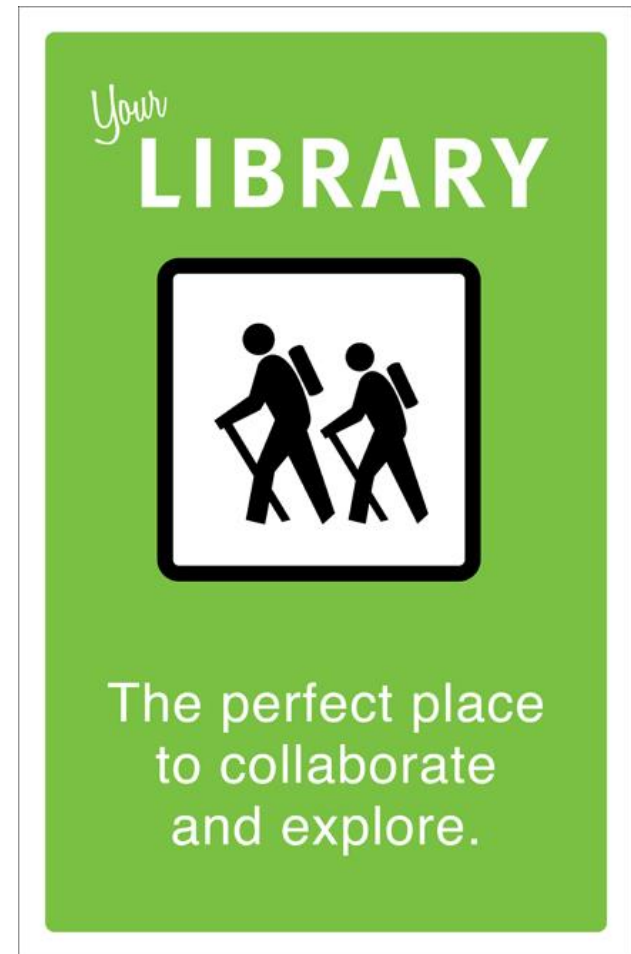
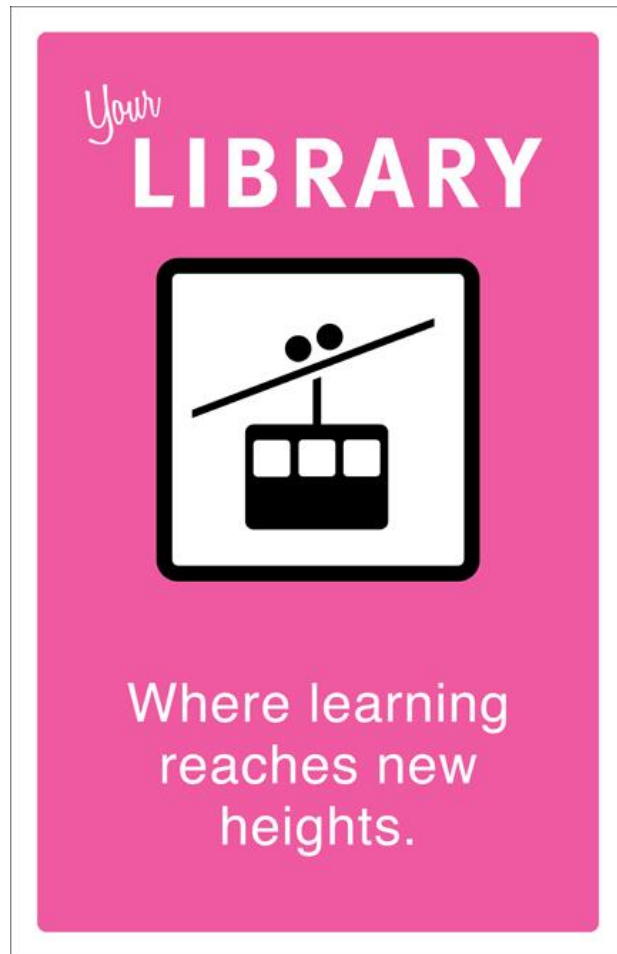
Post-secondary Libraries

- **Post-secondary positioning strategy**
- **Advocacy**
- **Open Educational Resources**

Post-Secondary Positioning Strategy




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Online Reference Centre (ORC)

- Collaborative partnership with Alberta Education since 2001
- K-12 students
- High quality electronic resources


Online Reference Centre (ORC)

**ACCENT: Discover French Beyond the Classroom | Grades: K - 12**


Use this directory to find French recreational, cultural, and educational activities in the province that complement the Alberta programs of studies.

**Advanced Placement Source | Grades: 10 - 12**


Use this database to locate academic articles in multiple areas of study including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, human geography, psychology, economics and statistics, government and politics, environmental science, U.S., European and world history and arts and music.

**AlbertaSource.ca: The Alberta Online Encyclopedia | Grades: 6 - 12**


Use this database to search for articles, video, audio, images and primary documents related to aspects of Alberta's history including First Nations and Francophone history, arts and culture, politics, education, industry and natural resources.

**Amazing Animals of the World | Grades: K - 6**


Use this resource to find factual information on animals by class, essential order and species. Photographs, recordings of animal sounds, and web links are provided.

**The Atlas of Canada | Grades: 6 - 12** to add the Shipping Tool to your QuickLaunch bar!


Use this resource to access maps that assist in the investigation and study of Canada and its people through historical, economic, environmental and cultural information.

**Bookflix | Grades: K - 3**


Use this resource to access interactive fiction and non-fiction books organized according to the following themes: Animals and Nature, Earth and Sky, People and Places; ABC's and 1,2, 3's, Family and Community, Music and Rhyme, Adventure, Celebrations, and Imagination.

**The Canadian Encyclopedia | Grades: 5 - 12**


Use this encyclopedia to locate information on Canadian history, art, music, science, geography, culture and politics and famous Canadians. This resource contains articles, maps, images, multimedia, Web links, games and feature articles.

**Canadian Points of View | Grades: 7 - 12**

Use this database to find information addressing multiple points of view on over 200 current social issues with a Canadian perspective. Search for magazine and newspaper articles, radio and TV news transcripts, primary source documents, images, video clips and Web links.

**Canadian Reference Centre | Grades: 7 - 12**

Use this database to locate articles from Canadian magazines and newspapers; CBC radio and TV transcripts, Canadian Global Almanac, Gage Canadian Dictionary and Thesaurus. This resource also contains reference books, biographies, images, maps and flags from Canadian and international sources.

**Canadian Reference Centre (Canadian Student Research Centre Interface) | Grades: 7 - 12**

This resource provides an alternate interface for searching the Canadian Reference Centre. The Canadian Reference Center can be used to locate articles from Canadian magazines and newspapers; CBC radio and TV transcripts, Canadian Global Almanac, Gage Canadian Dictionary and Thesaurus. This resource also contains reference books, biographies, images, maps and flags from Canadian and international sources.

Online Reference Centre (ORC)

The ORC Coordinator also provides support:

- ORC support site**
- Webinar of the month**
- Online booking system for professional development**

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The ORC Coordinator also provides support:

- Sessions are provided free throughout the province.**
- Regional library conferences**
- Public library PD committees**
- Post-secondary institutions with pre-service teachers**



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