

# Northern Lights Library System


## Funding 101

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# AGENDA

- **History**
- **NLLS Makeup**
- **Funding**
- **Membership and services**


So why and how did the system develop?




I would like to buy some new books but I just don't have time to go to the city!



I would like a new database but my little library really can't afford it!



I'm a brand new library manager, what's a plan of service? I could really do with some help!



I would like to have a stable and affordable connection to the internet for my patrons!

# Establishing a library system

- ▶ A request is made to the minister under the libraries act
- ▶ A governing board is established for the system under the same act
- ▶ Northern Lights Library System was established in June of 1990



# NLLS Makeup



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- ▶ 13 Counties - 6 have County Library Board
- ▶ 45 Libraries - 43 autonomous libraries
  - 1 MoU
  - 1 Branch
  - 8 Summer Villages

# Funding

- ▶ **The Levy**  
Municipal and County
- ▶ **The Book Allotment**
- ▶ **The Grants**



- ▶ Who decides on the levy
- ▶ How much is the levy
- ▶ Who pays the levy

The levy

## **Municipality levy**

Municipality @ \$5.07 per capita & Local Library board @ \$5.07 per capita

Combined, the levy is \$10.14 per capita

## **County levy**

County @ \$5.07 per capita & County Library Board @ \$5.07 per capita

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# **The Levy**

## County Without a County Library Board

However, if the County does not appoint a County Library Board then the County is required to pay the County and the County Library Board levy.

County @ \$10.14

## The Levy

# Paying the Levy

- ▶ January Invoice:

The county with no board are invoiced for \$10.14

**OR**

The County is invoiced for \$5.07

The County Library Board invoiced for \$5.07

**AND**

The Municipalities are invoiced for \$5.07

- ▶ June Invoice:

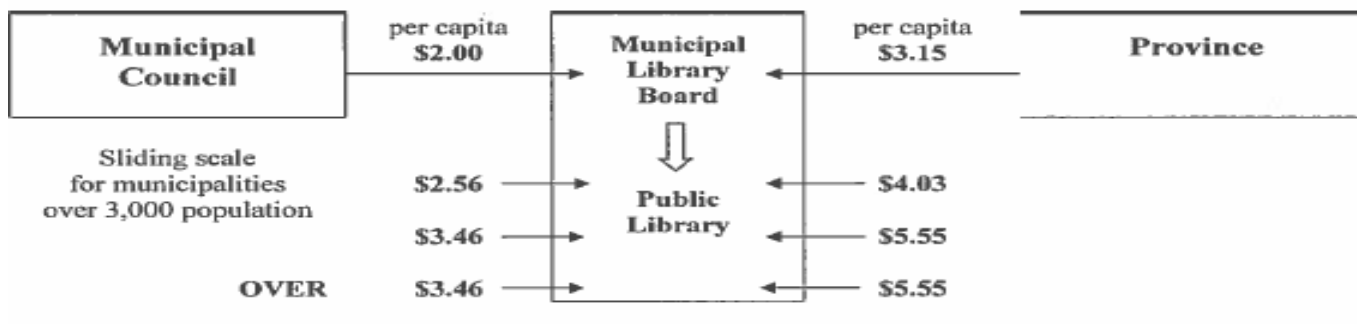
The local municipal library boards are invoiced for \$5.07

- ▶ Book allotment is taken out of the Municipal and the County portion of the levy  
@ \$2.15 per capita
- ▶ Book Allotment is placed in the libraries fund account the first week of January
- ▶ Book allotment money is rolled over from one year to the next

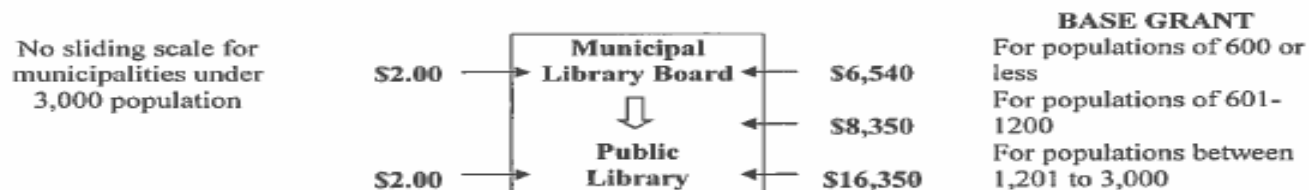
## The Book Allotment

## FUNDING OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In order to receive a provincial operating grant for its library, a municipality must fund the library board at a minimum level of \$2.00 per capita. If the municipality claims back rent, utilities, etc., the remaining money must be at least \$2.00 per capita. In order for municipalities with populations of over 3,000 to qualify for the maximum provincial grant, the municipality must contribute at least \$3.46 per capita. If a municipality over 3000 population funds its board below \$3.46, the provincial grant is based on a sliding scale calculated at 1:1.575.



### For Small Population Libraries Minimum Grants



Municipality

County

System.

# Membership

## NLLS Services

- ▶ IT
- ▶ Technical services
- ▶ Administration
- ▶ Public services

## Membership cont...

- ▶ The Alberta Library (TAL)
- ▶ The Regional Automated Consortium (TRAC)
- ▶ Public Library Services Branch (PLSB)



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