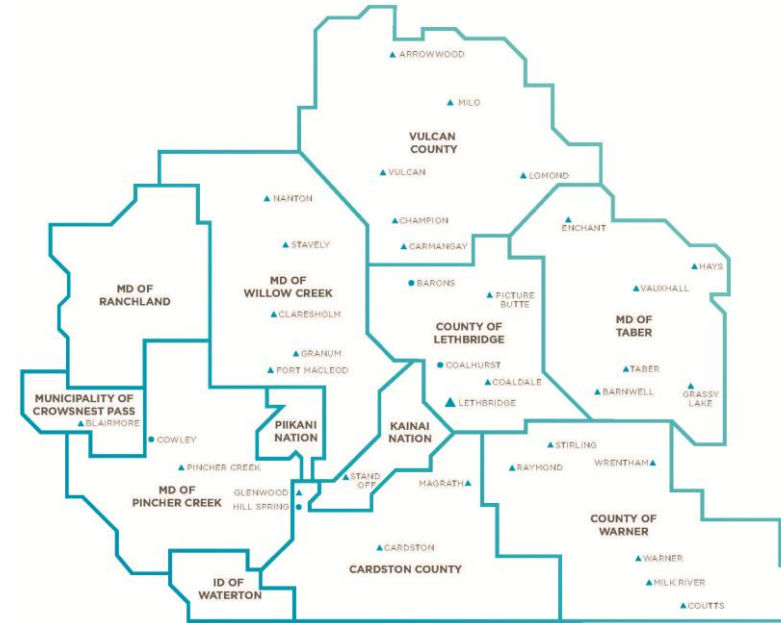




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Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Presentation to Municipal Members
2026

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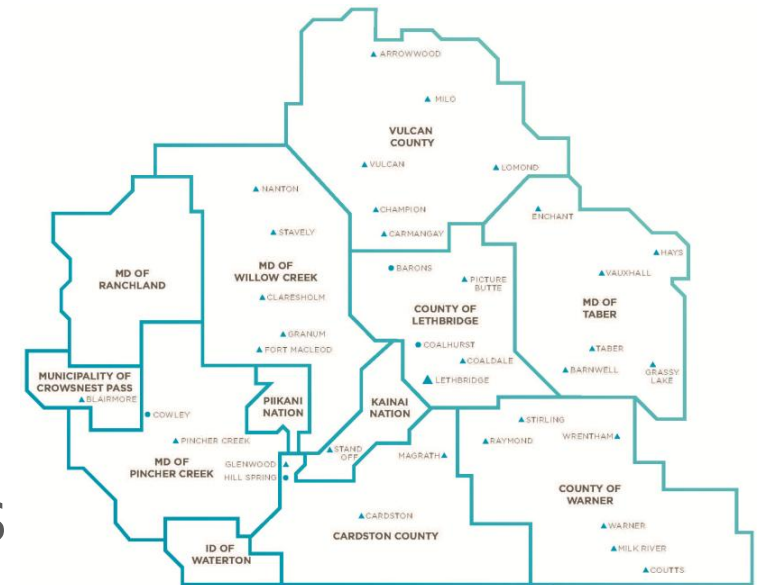
Your Public Library: A Vital Community Asset

- A Community hub
- A trusted institution in the community
- A low-cost resource in tough times
- A welcoming space for all members of the community
- An economic driver
- Some of the best public dollars you can spend



What Is Chinook Arch Regional Library System?

- Framework for inter-municipal collaboration on library services
- Formed by an agreement between member municipalities
- Raises level of library services in all communities
- Responsive, adaptable, member-governed



Governance

- Board is a one member, one vote model
- Members appointed by council
- Standing Committees:
 - Executive
 - Finance/Personnel
 - Planning/Facilities
 - Marketing/Communications



System Agreement and Plan of Service

- The System Agreement lays out our roles
- Plan of Service guides how we will fill those roles
- The System Agreement was revised and updated in 2021
- Planning and budget cycles coincide with municipal election cycle
- Current Plan of Service is 2023-2026



Chinook Arch Services

- Bibliographic Services
 - Centralized ordering, cataloguing, and processing of materials
 - Book allotment
- Information Technology Services
 - Network management and help desk
 - Internet service



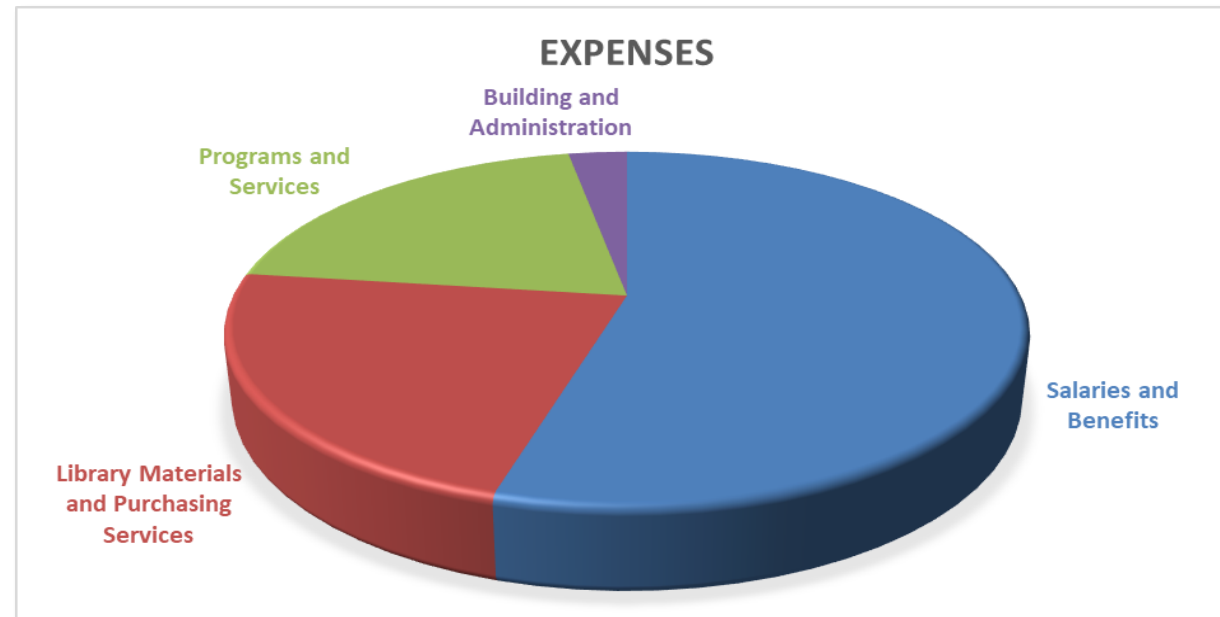
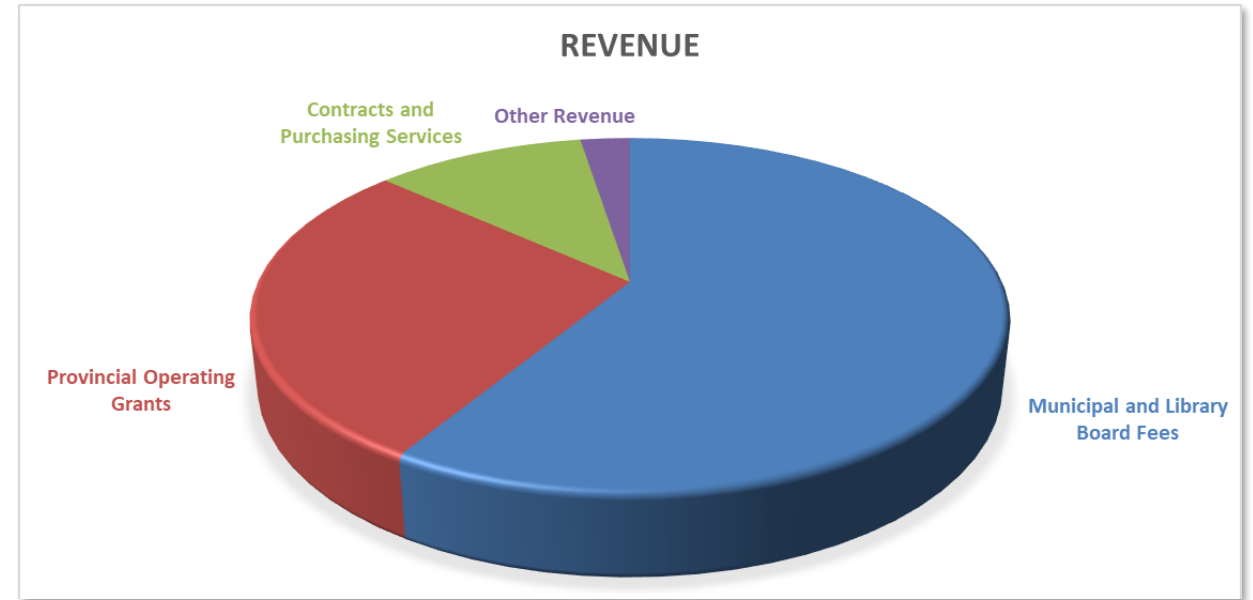
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- Member Support
 - Library Operations Support
- Digital Services
 - Downloadable/streaming content
 - E-books and audiobooks
 - Online courses
- Delivery
- Programming



Funding and Budgets

- Four-year budget: 2023-2026
- Funding comes from members and the Government of Alberta
- Any increase in member levies must be approved by member councils
- In 2020, the Board reduced the member levy to 2018 levels (\$7.76 per capita)
- 2027 Levy Request: \$8.17 per capita





Highlights from 2025

- Regional programming collection was used 300 times
- Over 4,000 support sessions with libraries and patrons
- 591,000 items moved between libraries
- 40,000+ items added to the shared catalogue
- 15 % increase in Overdrive e-book and audiobook usage
- Region-wide Windows 11 upgrade

Looking Forward

- Current Plan of Service extended through 2027.
- One-year levy increase request for 2027
- New Plan of Service will be 2028-2031
- New 4-year budget 2028-2031



Questions/Comments

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