

Useful Acronyms

Regional Library Systems

CARLS	Chinook Arch Regional Library System, Headquarters in Lethbridge
MLS	Marigold Library System, Headquarters in Strathmore
NLLS	Northern Lights Library System, Headquarters in Elk Point
PLS	Peace Library System, Headquarters in Grande Prairie
PRL	Parkland Regional Library, Headquarters in Lacombe
SLS	Shortgrass Library System, Headquarters in Medicine Hat
YRL	Yellowhead Regional Library, Headquarters in Spruce Grove

Government

MA	Alberta Municipal Affairs – Ministry in charge of public library service
PLSB	Public Library Services Branch – that part of MA responsible for public libraries.

Other Organizations and Consortia

AALT	Alberta Association of Library Technicians
ALA	American Library Association
ALTA	Alberta Library Trustees Association
APLAC	Alberta Public Library Administrators Council
CELA	Centre for Equitable Library Access
CULC	Canadian Urban Libraries Council
FLA	Foothills Library Association
GELA	Greater Edmonton Library Association
IFLA	International Federation of Library Association
LAA	Library Association of Alberta
NNELS	National Network for Equitable Library Service
PNLA	Pacific Northwest Library Association
TAL	The Alberta Library
TRAC	The Regional Automation Consortium – a combined automation system and database shared by Marigold, Northern Lights, Peace and Yellowhead
SAILS	Southern Alberta Integrated Library System – a combined automation system with separate databases shared by the Chinook Arch Regional Library System and Shortgrass Library System.

Miscellaneous

ALC	Alberta Library Conference – held in April in Jasper
DDC	Dewey Decimal Classification System
FOIP	Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act
ILL	Inter-library Loan – material requested from another library, not placed directly in the database as a hold by a patron
ILS	Integrated Library System – a multifaceted automation package like Horizon
LAN	Local Area Network
MLS/MLIS	Post graduate degree in library studies, library science or information science from an accredited university
NODE	There are 16 library boards that have been identified by Alberta Municipal Affairs as partners in the Provincial Resource Sharing Network.
RDA	Resource Description and Access
SRC	Summer Reading Club
TAL Online	Online access to search the catalogues of over 300 libraries in Alberta
URL	Uniform Resource Locator – a world web address
VDX	Virtual Document eXchange – used by CARLS as the provincial agent to mediate interlibrary loans across the province and across Canada
VOIP	Voice-Over-Internet-Proxy