

MID-SIZED LIBRARY BENCHMARKS 2019

	LETHBRIDGE	RED DEER	STRATHCONA COUNTY	WOOD BUFFALO	AIRDRIE	GRANDE PRAIRIE	ST. ALBERT	MEDICINE HAT
Population	101,482	101,002	98,381	75,009	70,564	69,088	66,082	63,260
Municipal Local Support	\$6,555,321	\$4,505,384	\$9,717,369	\$4,210,500	\$2,063,983	\$1,650,000	\$4,678,400	\$2,277,400
Local Support Per Capita	\$65	\$45	\$99	\$56	\$29	\$24	\$71	\$36
Total Operating Budget	\$7,768,192	\$5,553,132	\$10,633,558	\$5,479,822	\$2,884,474	\$2,688,576.00	\$5,311,600	\$2,710,300
Total FTE Staff	68.2	46.0	73.8	73.4	26.5	25.9	42.6	29.8
Total Circulation	1,030,614	776,651	1,227,125	284,940	621,104	430,409	997,183	495,962
Circulation per Capita	10.2	7.7	12.5	3.8	8.8	6.2	15.1	7.8
Cost per Circulation	\$7.54	\$7.15	\$8.67	\$19.23	\$4.64	\$6.25	\$5.33	\$5.46
Total Members	24,032	23,216	21,659	11,711	24,853	11,426	17,112	11,616
Members % of Population	23.7%	23.0%	22.0%	15.6%	35.2%	16.5%	25.9%	18.4%
Total Physical Collections	221,456	196,953	227,674	154,372	72,043	130,467	174,874	133,029
Collections per Capita	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.0	1.9	2.6	2.1
Total In-Person Visits	585,714	550,036	455,916	270,900	226,290	235,771	345,726	253,360
Visits per Capita	5.8	5.4	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.4	5.2	4.0
Total Programs Presented	4,362	6,919	2,405	1,237	1,648	1,336	1,399	1,221
Total Program Attendance	57,942	108,371	59,875	36,665	25,664	17,463	59,613	32,966
Attendance per Capita	0.57	1.07	0.61	0.49	0.36	0.25	0.90	0.52
Total Facility Area (sq ft)	70,374	58,017	60,278	54,711	13,841	41,800	26,725	30,031
Area per Capita (sq ft)	0.69	0.57	0.61	0.73	0.20	0.61	0.40	0.47

SUMMARY OF KEY METRICS – HOW DOES SAPL STACK UP?

- Highest circulation per capita among our peer libraries at 15.1 circulations per person.
- Second lowest cost per circulation among our peers (\$5.33). SAPL is one of the most cost-effective libraries in Alberta.
- Second highest program attendance amongst our peers.
- Fewer FTE staff (42.6) than the average of our comparators (48.3).
- More in-person visits per capita than the average of our comparators.
- Largest collection per capita.
- Second smallest total facility area.