



Northern Lights Library System

Value of Your Investment, 2018

Sturgeon County

This report shows the value of services provided annually by the Northern Lights Library System. Sturgeon County benefits directly through the pooling of revenues so that all of Northern Lights residents have access to all library system resources.

Levy Payments

(based on 2016 Municipal Affairs population of 20,495)

	Per capita levy	Population	Contribution
Sturgeon County:	\$10.14	20,495	\$211,098.50
		Total levy payments	\$211,098.50

Total value of services provided by Northern Lights as itemized below:

Services Grant

A Services Grant is paid in full once a year and divided between Morinville (36%) Gibbons (19%) Bon Accord (16%) Edmonton Garrison (15%) Redwater (14%)

TOTAL: \$108,657.90

Site Visits

8 site visits to the libraries in Sturgeon County

Cost Association: \$50 Hr X 64 Hrs X Mileage

TOTAL: \$4,997.80

Shared TRAC Services

Being a partner with three other system opens access to over 3.6 million items on TRACpac. Cost is shared for the Polaris Integrated Library System, TRAC Online public access catalogue and shared Databases such as Overdrive, Cloud Library and Novelist.

Polaris \$950.00 X 5 libraries

TOTAL: \$4,750.00

Overdrive and Cloud Library: \$4.4 per capita

TOTAL: \$98,376.00



Resource Sharing Services

Van Delivery has recently changed from once a week to twice a week delivery for our busiest libraries. Van delivery supports resource sharing and connects your library with Northern Lights headquarters and to libraries throughout the system, the province, inside and outside of Canada. Interlibrary loans, supplies, new materials, outside purchased materials, correspondence, kits and games, floating collections, promotional material and book recycling are all transported through the Northern Lights van delivery.

Associated cost: 445 km X \$.505/km X 50 weeks x 2 deliveries a week **TOTAL: \$22,977.50**

Bibliographic Services

A portion of the municipal levy goes back to the library for the purchase of new materials through a book allotment purchase account held in acquisitions at headquarters. Bulk purchases provides discounts up to 40%

Cost association: \$2.15 per capita **TOTAL: \$44,064.25**

Centralized work flow at headquarters ensures that quick distribution of materials to our member libraries. Professional cataloging makes it possible for patrons to find and access print and digital titles in the online catalogue. Physical materials are processed with barcoding, labels, mactak and laminated book covers, and AV materials are repackaged into durable cases.

Cost association: \$3.70 per capita **TOTAL: \$75,831.50**

Public Services

Northern Lights provides in-person, video-conferencing, email, and telephone consultation and training to member libraries by professional librarians. Visits include: preparation; travel, go-to-assist, assist in weeding and inventory. Orientation set up and follow ups, access to headquarters collection of materials and programming kits designed through consultation of the libraries. Training sessions and workshops designed for library needs with consultation of the marketing department. Organizing the summer and winter program, author talks and entertainers. Organize and implement the Northern Lights Conference.

Cost association: \$2.40 per capita **TOTAL: \$49,188.00**

IT and Network Support

Helpdesk Support, troubleshooting, installations, upgrades and maintenance of servers, Dlinks, fortigates and Xinder. IT support includes Supernet/Internet connectivity, email, file sharing and centralized backup. Wireless hardware, software licenses, and toll free telephone system are provided. Unlimited site visits for trouble shooting and maintenance. Polaris library software enables customer service, reporting, ordering, circulation of library materials and the online catalogue. Computer purchasing program allows for libraries to bulk purchase computer equipment at a discounted price.



IT HelpDesk, Troubleshooting,	TOTAL: \$44,883.15
IT Equipment, software & licensing purchases, wireless and maintenance	TOTAL: \$15,214.85
Network	TOTAL: \$2,500.00

Administration

Facility maintenance, budgeting, auditors, insurance, office supplies purchasing program, postage, telephones, vehicle expenses, service charges GST expense, memberships and utilities are all part of administration costs, food for board and LMC meeting, council and library board presentations. Marketing and communications provides professional quality publications, displays and marketing software to promote resources, events and services available at the library and to communicate news to library staff and boards.

Cost association: \$2.70 per capita	TOTAL: \$55,336.50
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Board

Board member reimbursement to fulfill their duties	TOTAL: \$1,430.46
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TOTAL value of services provided by Northern Lights Library System: **\$528,207.45**

TOTAL levy payments from Sturgeon County: **\$211,098.50**



Fun Facts

- IT equipment, software, licensing, wireless, Xinder, Fortigates: **\$150,000 +**
The Northern Lights Library system owns IT Equipment provided to the library such as the packet shaper Xinder box and the fortigates, they also pay for and provide licensing such as office 365, firewall software, virus protection and the internet.
- Northern Lights Library System pays for Polaris, the integrated library system, at a cost of **\$101,000.00** year.
- To date Northern Lights Library System has invested over **\$840,000.00** into Overdrive and Cloud Library.
- Northern Lights provided all the libraries with an Ipad with Polaris LEAP installed for use within the library and outside.
- Northern Lights Library System offers over 35 database subscriptions for a price of approximately **\$110,000 +** a year, excluding Hoopla.
- A 3D printer is loanable to all the libraries for programming. (Checked out 2 times)
- 3 Computer labs are available for training large and small groups. (Checked out 4 times)
- 2 Virtual Reality machines can be sent out for a week of fun in a different world (Checked out 4 times)
- Over 50 programming kits are available from systems HQ.
- In 2018, the libraries in Sturgeon County checked out over **15,556** Overdrive items. Average cost for an item is \$45.00 for a total savings of: **\$700,020.00**
- In 2018, the libraries in Sturgeon County borrowed **44,851** items from other Libraries in TRAC, average cost of an item \$25,00 for a savings of **\$1,121,275.00**
- Sturgeon County patrons are registered at the following libraries:
 1. Bon Accord
 2. Edmonton Garrison
 3. Gibbons
 4. Morinville
 5. Redwater
 6. St Paul