

PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM		THE ALBERTA LIBRARY (TAL) CARD	
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Peace Library System supports access to physical book and journal collections at public, post-secondary and special libraries through provincial partnerships. Some special collections, such as “Library of Things” items, may be excluded from TAL borrowing depending on local library policy.

The Alberta Library (TAL) was established by the library community to ensure that Alberta’s citizens had access to a wide variety of information. Peace Library System pays a per capita TAL membership fee on behalf of the residents of member municipal jurisdictions. Peace Library System receives provincial funding to extend all regional library services, including TAL services, to Indigenous people who live on a reserve or on a Métis settlement.

The TAL card supplements ME Libraries, a web-based service that allows public library patrons to access the physical collections of other participating public libraries.

The Alberta Library (TAL) Card is recognized at any participating library in the province.

#### Eligibility

- (a) Any resident of a member jurisdiction in the Peace Library System that is a patron in good standing at their local library may receive a free TAL Card.
- (b) On-reserve and on-settlement library patrons in good standing at their local library may receive a free TAL card.
- (c) TAL Cards will not be distributed to residents of non-member municipalities.
- (d) Special restrictions apply to library card holders under the age of 18.

#### Procedures

- (a) The TAL Card will be issued at all member public libraries.
- (b) TAL Card holders will not be charged a fee when borrowing materials from participating libraries outside their home library.
- (c) TAL card holders are entitled to the same borrowing privileges as local users except where prohibited by licensing agreements and special collections restrictions. All local library policies and rules take priority and will apply to all persons using the TAL Card.
- (d) Materials can be returned to any participating library. The receiving library will note the date returned and will make every reasonable effort to forward the items in a timely manner.
- (e) The borrower is responsible for materials borrowed and fines incurred.

Chair’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

