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MEDIA RELEASE

for Immediate Release

[Municipality name, date]

Municipal Elections: A Pivotal Moment for [Your Library Name]

[library name] is counting on your support during the municipal election. As Albertan's head to the polls this October to elect their municipal councils, keeping the local library in mind can make a big difference. Municipal funding accounted for **[%]** of the **[library name]'s** budget in 2024, and support from **[municipality name]** is critical to maintain and expand library services.

Show [library name] some love this election season and ask candidates how they plan to support the library if elected or re-elected.

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As a front-line community service organization, we recognize the need for equitable access to information and technology. A patron from our region recently shared with us that they found a job they were excited about and used the library computers and printers to do their online training. They were able to get the necessary paperwork completed and get their career started. Eventually, they were able to get their own laptop, but when they were first starting out the library was a critical resource to them. It's stories like these that motivate us to provide the best service we can to our community members! Library manager [name] says "we help people in our community every day,

endorsing local organizations like ours this municipal election will uplift the people in our municipality."

Stories like this showcase just how invaluable library service is to many in our community, and we're excited to report that the numbers support our claims! In 2024, our library had **[your stat here]** program attendees, **[your stat here]** materials checked out, and **[your stat here]** reference questions answered.

About [library name]

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The **[library name]** provides access to books, DVD's, programming for all ages, computers, printing, and online resources to the community of **[municipality name]**. For more information, please visit www.prl.ab.ca/yourlibrary

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For More Information, Please Contact:

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