



# Gem Jubilee Library excited to join Shortgrass system

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The Gem Jubilee Library is celebrating becoming a full member of the Shortgrass Library System, with a public event on Aug. 13 at 2 p.m.

“The Gem Jubilee Library has officially become a fully-participating member in the Shortgrass Library System and we couldn’t be happier to welcome them on board” said Petra Mauerhoff, CEO of Shortgrass, in a news release.

With the addition of the Gem Library, the Shortgrass Library System collection of materials grew by 4,615 to a total of 439,965 for the whole region. And by joining Shortgrass, residents living in Newell County and community will have expanded access to library materials — such as any book requested by patrons from any library in southeastern Alberta available to be picked up at the Gem library.

“There is truly something for everyone,” said Kim Biette, chair of the Gem Jubilee Library Society in the news release. “We couldn’t be more excited to expand the selection of library materials available to our patrons. Instead of just having access to the items contained in our building, patrons can now access hundreds of thousands of other library books, DVDs, etc. from any Shortgrass member library.”

The Gem library is completely run by community volunteers — meaning its hours of operation are limited.

By joining Shortgrass, residents have access 24/7 to online resources like eBooks, online magazines, newspapers, and digital resources like hoopla.