

Libraries launch One Community One Card program

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A celebration of making library resources easily available to all was behind the official launch of the One Community One Card program at Medicine Hat College's Vera Bracken Library Tuesday morning.

"We're better as a community when we're joined together, not separate," said Medicine Hat Mayor Norm Boucher at the launch.

Under the new program, people need only one card from either the Shortgrass Library System, Medicine Hat Public Library or MHC's library to access resources from the other systems.

For example, someone living in Southridge can pop over to the college and sign out resources from Vera Bracken Library using their MHPL card, or even have books from the



MHPL delivered to the college for pickup.

"I don't know about you guys, but cards are a pain in the you-know-what," said

Shortgrass Library System's CEO Petra Mauerhoff at the launch. "And I'm happy to have only one."

"This is important for the

college," said MHC president Ralph Weeks. "Education, library, the city, the college — we're all in one, to better the world and education."

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Medicine Hat College president Ralph Weeks and Medicine Hat Mayor Norm Boucher exchange library cards at the official launch of the "One Community One Card" program at the MHC's library. The program means the public can access the Shortgrass, Medicine Hat Public Library or MHC library resources with just their one library card.