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Press Display improves local access to global news sources

Starting this January, Albertans will have access to more than 1,200 newspapers from around the world through Press Display via their local public library.

The electronic resource provides up-to-date news and information from 94 countries in 48 languages,

including 291 Canadian newspapers.

That means library community members can read their favorite international, national and provincial newspapers from cover to cover, sometimes even before the publications hit the newsstands.

The publications are full-colour, full-format, and run on a range of platforms, including PC, Mac, iPhone and Blackberry.

Press Display provides newcomers to Alberta with access to news in their native language, helping preserve cultural ties. Newcomers in particular also have an opportunity to develop language skills by reading English-language newspapers.

In addition, urban newspapers in Alberta have been decreasing distribution outside the major centres. Through Press Display, Albertans can access full editions of the Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, National Post and more. Visit <http://shortgrass.ca/library-pressdisplay> to access this great new resource.

The \$310,000 two-year Press Display license is funded by the Alberta Government through the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network, an integral part of The Alberta Library (TAL) consortium.

“We’re grateful to receive the Press Display license for our Shortgrass public libraries,” says Shortgrass CEO Petra Mauerhoff. “It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance access to meaningful electronic resources for our patrons.”



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