



Season's Greetings

As we celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends, remember that the Shortgrass family is also an important part of our celebrations.

Our Shortgrass Library System is truly a family – a group of organizations and people from municipalities, library boards, libraries, and library staff who have bonded together to share and support each other which has enabled all of us to better serve our library patrons.

Each of us, whether an organization or an individual representing an organization, are so much stronger as a result of being a member of the Shortgrass library family. We draw strength from each other which results in much stronger service to our communities and our patrons. Our Shortgrass Library System, based upon its sharing ethic, is an excellent example of the whole (System) being greater than the sum of the parts (member libraries).

The arrival of the new members from Alcoma, Bassano and Rolling Hills is cause for celebration. Adding strength to the System and increasing resources and services to all member libraries of the Shortgrass family can only make us all that much better. The supportive people and staff from these libraries have worked very hard along side the Shortgrass staff to bring their libraries on stream. Congratulations to all!!!

To help accomplish our main purpose of sharing our resources, we purchased a new server and a new van which already has 35,000 km on it. It not only will move about 100,000 items between the member libraries, but also acts as a traveling sign board advertising our libraries and information services.

Our thanks to John Kozakewich from the Medicine Hat Public Library who, after we could not find a poem with a library and Christmas theme, put pen to paper and created our unique poem.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all people – staff, board members and other library supporters – who have worked hard this year to enhance our service to our patrons.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR ENTIRE SHORTGRASS FAMILY

We wish you health, happiness and joy as you celebrate the values of Christmas with your family, your friends and your Shortgrass family.

Best Wishes,

Leif Andersen, Chair
Board of Trustees

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CEO

**Serving Southeastern Alberta residents through public libraries
in the following member supporting municipalities:
Bassano, Bow Island, Brooks, Foremost, Medicine Hat, Redcliff, County of Forty Mile, County of Newell
– Rainier (Alcoma) & Rolling Hills**

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