



SHORTGRASS CLIPPINGS

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**Have a
Great Summer!**

**2004
PERFORMER SCHEDULE**

Summer Reading Program 2004

Date:	Location	Morning Performance	Afternoon Performance
Mon July 19	Medicine Hat		2:00 p.m.
Tues July 20	Medicine Hat	10:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Wed July 21	Rolling Hills	10:30 a.m.	
Wed July 21	Alcoma		2:00 p.m.
Thurs July 22	Redcliff	10:30 a.m.	
Thurs July 22	Graham		2:00 p.m.
Mon July 26	Bassano	10:30 a.m.	
Mon July 26	Brooks		2:00 p.m.
Tues July 27	Bow Island	11:30 a.m.	
Tues July 27	Foremost		2:30 p.m.

Trapper Dan (Bob T.) will be at your library about one-half hour ahead of the scheduled time to set up. The performance will be about 30 to 45 minutes long.

AROUND THE SYSTEM

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Brooks Public Library Hosts Marvelous Medieval Faire On Saturday May 29th, the Brooks Public Library in conjunction with the Brooks Shire of the Society for Creative Anachronism, hosted a very successful Medieval Faire. This grande event was held both at the Library and in the beautiful surrounds of Evergreen Park. People came from far and wide in fancy dress to participate in the Faire's many activities. Heavy combat and rapier fighting took place on the Fighting Grounds and a trebuchet was built by the Society for demonstrations to Faire goers. Youngsters took part in activities including colouring illuminated letters, making stained glass and creating gargoyles out of clay. To encourage community involvement and help make the Faire a success, we also invited local non-profit organizations to participate by offering a medieval activity to raise some funds. We were extremely pleased with the turnout of approximately nine hundred visitors and hope to be involved in such a worthwhile event again in future years.

On Wednesday, May 12th the Graham Community Library celebrated 50 years of library service. About 250 people enjoyed a great meal supplied by the Suffield Forces Mess. The children dressed as characters from books. Prizes were given to the best in several age groups. A time capsule was buried behind the library. A reception was held in the Jubilee Arms with speeches and great refreshments. It was especially rewarding to visit with several people who worked for the library many years ago, some of the originals. We also appreciated a good turn out from Shortgrass headquarters and libraries. Shortgrass presented the library with a lovely plaque to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

Happenings in Rolling Hills! We are very pleased to have Marlyssa Willford managing our Summer Reading Program again this summer. She did an excellent job for us last year and the participants just loved her. Marlyssa, who graduated from U of A this spring, is hoping to have a teaching job this fall. Beginning July 5, our library will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Our seniors' library time will remain on Wednesday mornings but they are welcome whenever it is convenient for them! We are looking forward to the increased activity over the summer months and the visit from "Trapper Dan". We hope everyone has a great summer.

The Gardening Gift to Alberta Libraries

During this past spring each Alberta public library received a generous donation from the Hole Family, consisting of the full set of books written by Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole or other members of her family. The initial set of 17 books was followed by the donation of Jim Hole's newest book, "What grows here", and thereafter any new book published by a family member (three new titles are planned for next year).

The Hole Family hopes that, in addition to honouring the memory of their father, Ted and paying tribute to their mother's dedication and commitment to libraries, this gift will encourage other families, publishers, and corporations to follow suit – to enrich the collections of Alberta's libraries under the auspices of the Lois Hole Library Legacy Program.

All Alberta libraries are encouraged to acknowledge the receipt of this gift to the community as a way to promote the Lois Hole Library Legacy Program. To find out more about this program click on the "Lois Hole Library Legacy Program" link at www.visityourlibrary.net

SuperNet

As a leader in resource sharing and the provision of online library services, the Alberta public library community anticipates a number of ways in which SuperNet will enhance current services and facilitate exciting new services.

In addition to providing libraries and their users with faster Internet connectivity, Alberta SuperNet will:

- Allow libraries to become access points to new broadband applications being developed by Alberta Learning, Alberta Health, the Government of Alberta and municipal governments.
- Help breach the digital divide by giving rural and urban libraries access to the same high quality resources.
- Provide equitably and reasonably priced access to a reliable high-speed network, regardless of location.
- Provide more reliable connectivity for library applications like Integrated Library Systems.

Online Public Library Resources

SuperNet will provide a backbone for online resources being developed by The Alberta Library (TAL) and the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN).

These resources include:

- TALOnline.ca – a "catalogue" which allows library users to search almost all the public, college and university libraries in Alberta.
- Remote Patron Authentication – allows system residents with library cards access to licensed databases from home.
- Ask A Question – a virtual reference service, which allows public library users to submit a question at any time from any place and receive an answer from the nearest library within 48 hours.

Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN)

Alberta SuperNet will enhance the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN) by providing all public libraries with the option of connecting to the high-speed SuperNet network. This will provide all libraries and their users with the opportunity to use more applications and increase the speed at which they can connect to the Internet and transfer information.

Alberta Innovation and Science (SuperNet) is currently working with Alberta Community Development and APLEN to determine the best and most economical way to maximize the benefits of SuperNet in libraries across Alberta. This includes an ongoing study to determine the technical needs of every library in the province.

Libraries as Access Points

SuperNet will provide new opportunities for libraries to become access points for the following:

Distance education, Video Conferencing, Digital Libraries, Collaboration Opportunities, and Economic Development

Tools.

Alberta SuperNet

Website

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

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