



Staff Changes at Shortgrass Library System Headquarters

Bob Batchelder is retiring on October 31, 2005 after 17 years of full-time service to the Shortgrass Library System as Coordinator of Technology and as Assistant Director. Bob joined the SLS in 1988 in its formative years as Coordinator of Technology. In 2002, Bob also assumed the position as Assistant Director. He helped the system grow to encompass 10 member municipalities and 10 member libraries, plus two school systems with 36 libraries that SLS serves under special contracts. Bob will continue to serve SLS on a part-time contract to assist us with the move to a Shared Integrated Library System (ILS) with Chinook Arch Regional Library System, plus other technical leadership needs. Bob's leadership at SLS and at the provincial level has been extensive and outstanding. SLS will be forever indebted to him for his wise leadership and support. Bob, we wish you well in your "part-time" retirement.

Welcome to the Shortgrass Library System Headquarters newest staff member, **Julia Reinhart**. Julia will join the SLS as Public Services Librarian on November 1, 2005 on a one-half time basis to cover the professional librarian role that Bob currently handles. She brings with her a variety of professional and life skills to her new job. Julia is not new to the system as she is now serving as the Head Librarian at the Brooks Public Library, a position she has enjoyed since 2001. For the present time Julia will continue to serve the City of Brooks Library as Head Librarian on a part-time basis. She looks forward to working with the library managers of SLS, Medicine Hat School District, and the Prairie Rose School Division, assisting them in the needs of their libraries.

A BIG THANKS from Larry Dye, the Space Guy for all the support he received from the libraries throughout southeastern Alberta. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the leaders to their jobs of making the Summer Reading Program a great success. The children were a great audience and I had a fun time.

SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2005

LOCATION: Medicine Hat Public Library

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration and Refreshments |
| 10:00 a.m.
by the fall of 2006 | Demonstration of Horizon software that SLS expects to be using |
| 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m. | Visit to and Review of the Southeastern Alberta Archives and the new Esplanade (Museum, Archives, Art Gallery, Performing Arts) |

Registration Forms will be available at your library in October

SLS Benefits from Centennial Initiative

The SLS has received an Access and Equity grant of \$1,612.90 from AB Human Rights and Citizenship Branch. This is a Centennial Initiative to raise awareness and understanding of human rights, multiculturalism, diversity and women's issues. Both adult and children's materials will be selected. Most materials will be in the member libraries in late October or early November. The grant is administered by the Library Association of Alberta.

Canadian Library Week – October 17 -- 24

For the first time, Library Week will be celebrated across Canada at the same time. Libraries and library systems across the nation worked with the Canadian Library Association to declare Canadian Library Week and to plan for and create resources and tools available to libraries.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Lifelong Libraries—Discover us!"

Search the CLA website at www.cla.ca/clw/index.htm to find the toolkit which includes a poster, fact sheets, sample press releases and suggested activities.

National School Library Day – October 24

National School Library Day will be celebrated Oct 24 during National Library Week. For more information on this celebration "Discover the Adventure", visit the National School Library web site at www.nslid.ca. Check out the website for promotional materials for this year's event such as posters, bookmarks, coloring and poster contest ideas.

Trustee Workshop Planned for October

The SLS will be holding a one-day workshop designed for all Library Trustees and Library Managers on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. The workshop is funded in part by a grant from The Alberta Library Trustees Association (ALTA). Workshop presenters are Pat McNamee and Iris English.

The Alberta Library Trustees Association is pleased to offer you a workshop designed to help you understand such topics as:

- The Libraries Act and Regulation and Employment Standards Code, risk assessment
- Board function – purpose and role, relationships with staff, councils, province, library systems, ALTA, and the community
- Chairpersonship: running the meeting, parliamentary procedure and rules of order, committees, delegating, encouraging participation, problem solving, and conflict resolution
- Resources, including available training
- Library managers and librarians are very welcome to attend!

The cost of the workshop is \$35.00 per person (\$45.00 per non-member) and includes lunch and coffee breaks.

For more information on the workshop, please call Gene Adamson at (403)526-0668; fax (403) 502-8529; email gadam@shaw.ca Please register by no later than Friday, Oct 7.

Don't Forget the Following Dates

Oct 15 -- **ALTA Trustee Workshop** Medicine Hat Public Library

Oct 17-23 – **Canadian Library Week** "Lifelong Libraries – Discover Us" www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca, www.cla.ca

Oct 19-21 – **NetSpeed 2005** Edmonton The Alberta Library's tech conf
www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/netspeed/index.html

Oct 24 – **National School Library Day** Visit www.nslid.ca/

Oct 28 – **Pumpkin Festival Foremost Library fund raiser** - For more info contact forlib@shortgrass-lib.ab.ca

Nov 21 – **Shortgrass Member Libraries & SLS Professional Development Day**

Apr 27-30/06 – **Alberta Library Conference** "Libraries @ Your Service" Jasper, AB Visit www.albertalibraryconference.com

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