



## Message from the CEO

### ***New Minister for Libraries***

As many are aware, Government Library Services has moved to the Municipal Affairs and Housing Ministry. The Honourable Ray Danyluk is the new Minister and I am pleased to inform you that he is a strong supporter of libraries. His home library system is the Northern Lights Library System located in Elk Point, Alberta.

The seven Library System Chairs and Directors/CEOs are having a meeting with Minister Danyluk on March 21st and will be emphasizing the need for the continuation of the Special Library Grant as regular funding in following years. Other library issues will also be addressed with him.

We have invited him to attend our SLS spring barbeque on June 20th and we are pleased to say he will be here for this event! So be sure to come out and take this opportunity to meet him.

### ***Plan of Service***

The current Plan of Service is for the term 2005 to 2007. During this year we will be developing a new Plan of Service for 2008 to 2010. Since Shortgrass's customers are our member libraries, we will be listening carefully in order to ensure we plan for the best possible service to our libraries.

### ***Community Initiative Program Grant***

Recently we received a CIP grant here at Shortgrass. This grant will be used for the purchase of a new cargo van, a photocopier, videoconferencing equipment and replacement computer equipment for system staff in preparation for our move to the new integrated library software.

**Happy Centennial to Alberta's Libraries!** A hundred years ago March 15 the Libraries Act was passed in the First Legislative Assembly in Alberta. The Act establishes the boundaries for public library structure and identifies the functions of the partners involved in library development. On **Wednesday June 20th** we will be celebrating the Centennial at the Shortgrass Library System with a barbeque, a presentation and a display tracing the history of the Shortgrass Library System and its member libraries since System inception.



The folks at Public Library Services have collected the names of one hundred people whom over the past one hundred years have dedicated themselves to the building of public library services in Alberta. Check out the "100 Legends in Public Library Service" at [http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building\\_communities/public\\_library/centennial/index.asp](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/public_library/centennial/index.asp), you may just recognize the name of someone you know!

## Lost Worlds / Civilisations disparues

## Summer Reading Program 2007

Well it's that time of year again everyone; time to think about enjoying the great outdoors, reading some books and perhaps going on a time travelling adventure or two. This year Library and Archives Canada and TD Canada Trust have come together to bring you the Summer Reading Club theme of **LOST WORLDS**. The theme encompasses ancient civilizations on Earth, archaeology, expeditions and adventures, time travel, pirates and hidden treasures, tales and mythology, plus clues to mysterious civilizations.

As a part of the Summer Reading Program festivities Shortgrass is pleased to introduce **Millie Second**, our performer for 2007. Millie will be packing up her huge yellow trunk and travelling the countryside to take children on a journey through lost worlds and civilizations.

And for a closer look at the poster check out this url: [www.td-club-td.ca/index-e.html](http://www.td-club-td.ca/index-e.html)



 Summer Reading Club
  Club de lecture d'été

## Summer Reading Program Performer Schedule

Date	Location	Morning Performance	Afternoon Performance
Monday July 9	Medicine Hat		2:00pm
Tuesday July 10	Medicine Hat	10:30am	2:00pm
Wednesday July 11	Rolling Hills	10:30am	
Wednesday July 11	Tilley		2:00pm
Thursday July 12	Bassano	10:30am	
Thursday July 12	Rosemary		2:00pm
Monday July 16	Alcoma	10:30am	
Monday July 16	Brooks		2:00pm
Tuesday July 17	Bow Island	11:30am	
Tuesday July 17	Foremost		2:30pm
Wednesday July 18	Graham	10:30am	
Wednesday July 18	Redcliff		2:00pm



# Training, Training and More Training



## Computer Training For Beginners

Carrie Bastian, Shortgrass's Training and Consulting Librarian, will be out to member libraries to do patron training at the following dates and times:

**Alcoma Community Library - Mondays @ 10am**  
April 23rd, 30th, May 7th and 14th

**Rolling Hills Public Library - Mondays @ 1:30pm**  
April 23rd, 30th, May 7th and 14th

**Redcliff Public Library - Tuesdays @ 10am**  
April 17th, 24th, May 1st and 8th

**Graham Community Library - Tuesdays @ 1:30pm**  
April 17th, 24th, May 1st and 8th

**Bow Island Municipal Library - Thursdays @ 10am**  
April 19th, 26th, May 3rd and 10th



**Foremost Municipal Library - Thursdays @ 1:30pm**  
April 19th, 26th, May 3rd and 10th

**Brooks Public Library - Fridays @ 10am**  
April 20th, 27th, May 4th and 11th

**Rosemary Community Library - Fridays @ 1:30pm**  
April 20th, 27th, May 4th and 11th

## Training at Schuler

This past month Carrie Bastian has traveled out to Schuler to do computer skills training for some of our Cypress County member municipality residents. She provided workshops on computer basics, how to set up an email address, internet searching techniques, how to search the library catalogue and use the online databases available through the Shortgrass Library System. Those in attendance were pleased to receive the training as it took place locally at the Schuler School which is part of Prairie Rose School Division Number 8.



## Community Access Program VI - Part II

Last fall all of the libraries in the Shortgrass Library System received funding from the CAP program and it was used by each library for the purchase of adaptive technology. In February a small amount of additional funding was made available and pooled by SLS libraries for the purchase of a new DAISY Reader and a collection of DAISY books. These items have arrived and once catalogued will be housed at SLS but will be available to libraries who wish to borrow them for patrons with print disabilities.



## Some News from Around the System

**Medicine Hat Public Library** recently received a grant from the New Horizons for Seniors program to purchase new computers for their training room and to establish drop-in computer sessions for seniors that will be starting up in April. MHPL will also be starting to renovate parts of the library in the fall.

### Bow Island Municipal Library

WHAT DO A RIPPED UP CARD AND A GREEN APPLE HAVE IN COMMON?

If you attended the 3rd annual Bow Island Library Family Night Showcase you will know that magic was in the air and that green apples, when cut in half, suddenly contained playing cards, much to the delight of the audience! The talent show is the Library's yearly fundraiser for the much needed expansion of the Children's area. We are very fortunate to have such talented people in our community and they continued to show their support of the library by treating the audience to some really great performances.

The week leading up to the Family Showcase also included a Silent Auction with items that were donated from individuals and local businesses and that the public could bid on. These generous people understand the importance of having a library in the community and with their help we were able to raise over \$2500.



## Don't forget the following dates!

- March 28 **Shortgrass Library System Committee Meetings**  
Shortgrass Library System Headquarters 1pm and 2pm
- April 18 **Shortgrass Library System Board Meeting**  
SLS HQ 1pm
- April 20-22 **Brooks and District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show**  
Centennial Arena, Brooks
- April 26-29 **Alberta Library Conference 2007**  
**"A Class Act: Celebrating Alberta's Libraries"** Jasper Park Lodge  
<http://albertalibraryconference.com/2007/>
- May 15 **Foremost Trade Show** Community Hall 11am to 4pm
- May 15 **Medicine Hat School District #76 Libraries' Staff Meeting**  
Shortgrass Headquarters Boardroom 3:30pm
- May 16 **Shortgrass Library System Committee Meetings**  
SLS HQ 1pm and 3pm
- May 28 **Shortgrass Library System Library Managers' Meeting** SLS HQ 10am
- May 23-26 **Canadian Library Association National Conference and Trade Show**  
Delta St. John's and Mile One Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador  
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2007/index.shtml>
- May 24-27 **Alberta Association of Library Technicians 2007 Conference** Edmonton  
<http://www.aalt.org/conference/index.html>
- June 20 **Shortgrass Library System Board Meeting**  
Shortgrass Headquarters 2-4pm
- June 20 **Joint Meeting of the Shortgrass Board, Member Library Board Chairs And Library Managers** Shortgrass Headquarters 4-5pm
- June 20 **Alberta Libraries Centennial Celebration BBQ with Minister Ray Danyluk**  
Shortgrass Headquarters 5-7pm

### LIBRARY QUOTE FOR THIS ISSUE

Today a reader.  
Tomorrow a leader.  
- Margaret Fuller

### Check out these websites!

- Service Alberta <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/>
- Municipal Affairs and Housing - Alberta [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/)
- Public Library Service - Alberta [www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building\\_communities/public\\_library/index.asp](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/public_library/index.asp)
- Community Initiatives Program [albertalotteryfund.ca/applyingforagrant/CommunityInitiativesProgramCIP.asp](http://albertalotteryfund.ca/applyingforagrant/CommunityInitiativesProgramCIP.asp)

### Dynix Tips and Tricks - Using Holds feature in Dynix

- ◇ To place a hold for a patron use the command **.H** at the Checkout entry prompt, then do a search for the item the patron is asking about. Go to the holdings summary screen and use **S** to select the item.
- ◇ Choose option 1 for an ANY COPY hold. This is the best option as the system will fill this hold with the first copy that is available.
- ◇ For a SPECIFIC COPY hold choose option 2. This is recommended for holds on specific volumes on a serial record such as magazines and graphic novels.
- ◇ To check if the hold was successfully placed, go back to the patron's record and use **.HL** for holds list. Once you are in the holds list you can change the status of the hold from active to inactive, change the expiration date of the hold, review the queue, or cancel the hold.
- ◇ **Reviewing the queue** allows you to shuffle the hold queue, cancel the request, change the hold from an ANY COPY to SPECIFIC COPY hold or vice versa, or change the pick up location.



Serving Southeastern Alberta residents in partnership with member municipalities, their public libraries, and school systems' libraries:

Bassano, Bow Island, Brooks, County of Forty Mile, County of Newell, Cypress County, Foremost, Graham (Ralston), Medicine Hat, Redcliff, Rainier (Alcoma), Rolling Hills, Rosemary, Tilley  
Medicine Hat School District No. 76, and Prairie Rose School Division No. 8