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Message from the CEO

As many of you are already aware, this will be my last Shortgrass Clippings Message as CEO. It was with mixed feelings that I announced my resignation from the position in August. I will be taking on a new role, as APLEN Director with The Alberta Library, in mid-October. My feelings are mixed, as I have greatly enjoyed my time working for SLS, but am also very excited by the opportunity to work at The Alberta Library in Edmonton.

SLS, as an organization, has made a profound impact on my life and I will miss all of those I have worked with, in various capacities, over the last four and a half years. You are a great team and I look forward to working with SLS again in my new position with TAL. I want to thank Board Chair, Kathi Herman, the SLS Board and the SLS staff for their contribution to the Come and Go Tea recently held in my honour. Thanks to those who attended!

For those of you who don't know, Bob Batchelder has been appointed acting CEO by the Shortgrass Library System Board, effective September 30th, 2010. The process of filling the CEO position is well underway with preliminary interviews completed and in-person interviews yet to be held.

Once the new CEO is hired, she/he will have a newly revised Plan of Service to use as a guide to plan for the organization over the next three years (2011 – 2013).

The Plan, which was recently approved by the SLS Board, will soon be available via our website and print copies are set to be distributed to all of our stakeholders shortly.

All the best,
Julia Reinhart, CEO

New Chief Librarian at Medicine Hat Public Library

Please join Julia, Bob and the Shortgrass staff in welcoming Shelley Ross as the new Chief Librarian at Medicine Hat Public Library (MHPL), effective October 1st.

In announcing the appointment of Ms. Ross, MHPL Board Chair John Weatherhead remarked, "We feel that Shelley will be an excellent fit with the staff and public at our library. Her experience at an academic library, coupled with her time at MHPL in 2006, means she comes with an understanding of Medicine Hat and the library here, but brings a new perspective as we move forward into exciting times in the world of libraries."



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

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October 2010 - Canadian Library Month

With the theme “**Your Library, Your World**” the Canadian Library Association has posted a wealth of resources for Canadian Library Month at <<http://www.cla.ca/clm10>>, including six pages of ideas for promoting libraries and the bookmark shown at the right.

Ideas for promoting libraries are organized under the headings: Advocacy, Community Centered, Displays, Games and Contests, Literacy Programs, Media/Communication, Special Events, and Your Website.

One of the community centered ideas is to “work with personalities in the community and invite local celebrities to your school or public library for story time.” Presenting a favorite story enables them to connect with children, uniting the community on a larger scale and providing to be a rewarding experience.

One of the Games and Contest ideas is to “engage your users by asking them to complete sentence starters and drawings to demonstrate how vital libraries are. Use sentences like: ‘My library is important to me because...’ and ‘My library helps me...’ and record these sentences on cards.” An example of this is the donation cards you see hanging in grocery stores.

These cards could be displayed in your town office, post office or high traffic areas in your community.



Don't forget the following dates!

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| Oct 13 | Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
Shortgrass Headquarters' Boardroom - 3:00 PM |
| Oct 18 | Civic Election Day
Various locations throughout Alberta |
| Oct 21-22 | NEXT: A Library Futures Symposium
Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Edmonton |
| Nov 6 | Trustee Orientation for the 21st Century in Alberta with Patricia McNamee & Ken Feser
Medicine Hat College - Brooks Campus
(Room 111 A & B) - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM |
| Nov 17 | SLS Board Meeting
Shortgrass Headquarters' Boardroom - 1:00 PM |
| Nov 22 | Library Managers' Meeting (Note: 4th Monday)
Shortgrass Headquarters' Boardroom - 10:00 AM |
| Dec 8 | SLS Christmas Dinner and Social
Medicine Hat Golf and Country Club - 6:00 PM |



Read-alikes for fans of Janet Evanovich

Readers looking for smart-mouthed dialog, romance and quirky secondary characters, will find Sarah Strohmeyer's hairdresser-reporter-sleuth Bubbles Yablonsky a worthy rival to Stephanie Plum. Bubbles debuted in *Bubbles Unbound*.

Marne Davis Kellogg gives us a 50-something heroine, significantly older than Stephanie, but no less restrained. Lilly Bennett, a U.S. Marshall in a Wyoming tourist town, is outspoken, brash, and wonderfully funny. Start off with *Bad Manners*.

Readers who like romantic entanglements, will enjoy Jennifer Crusie. Her smart-mouthed heroines often end up in outrageous situations, both humorous and sometimes dangerous. A place to start would be *Welcome to Temptation*.

Want more? NoveList has author read-alikes for 315 well-known authors.

New RISE Website

During the summer, Lauren Jessop (Consultant Librarian at Chinook Arch) worked with Elisa Wonnacott (a New Media practicum student from the University of Lethbridge) to develop the new RISE Website.

The goals of the project were to design an easy-to-use website, making it faster and simpler to find information about RISE and videoconference sessions.

The new website is now live at <www.risenetwork.ca>. We hope you'll find it's a big improvement over the RISE Wiki!

If you want to stay informed when new videoconferencing sessions are added to the RISE Website, set up the email subscription feature. A short video on how to do this is provided under the "Resources" tab on the website.

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WELCOME TO THE RISE NETWORK

Learn, communicate, explore.
The RISE Network works with public libraries to provide southern Albertans with opportunities to communicate with health care professionals, participate in distance education, attend meetings, learn new skills and more – all by videoconference from their local library.

Month: October Year: 2010 Go

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 * Pika: Life in the Rocks	2	3
4 * Marne Mercer Author Talk	5	6 * Residential Tenancies	7 * Diabetes * The Forces Behind Feng Shui	8	9	10
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Connecting Libraries, Connecting People

Photo credit: Melzelm Stok, Thelma Fanning Memorial Library

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NEXT A Library Futures Symposium

What are the current trends that are most likely to affect libraries? What will libraries of the future look like? Answering those questions will be the focus of NEXT: A Library Futures Symposium, October 21st and 22nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edmonton.

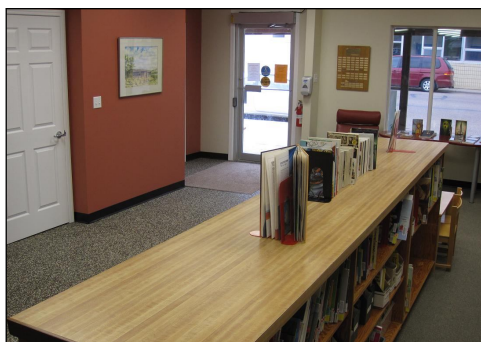
NEXT is designed to help the library community become aware of major cultural, societal, demographic and economic shifts impacting libraries, while developing viable strategies to meet the challenges. Speakers at NEXT include Mike D'Abramo and R. David Lankes. For information, please contact Stacey Bissell 780.414.0805 ext. 225.

Mike D'Abramo, internationally recognized expert on youth and technology trends, has assisted major corporations and non-profit organizations in broadening their reach to the youth demographic.

R. David Lankes, a passionate advocate for libraries and their essential role in today's society, is the Director of the Information Institute of Syracuse University. An accomplished researcher, his recent work involves how participatory concepts can reshape libraries and credibility.

Major Renovations at Bassano Memorial Library

Volunteers and staff have created a new meeting room and an updated children's area at Bassano Memorial Library. The meeting room is home to the ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) office and the RISE Videoconferencing equipment.



The new children's area looking back at the front door

The renovations included construction of new spaces, new carpets and flooring and a larger handicapped accessible patron washroom.

The library is still waiting for the arrival of new furniture for the meeting room.

Bonnie Bennett, Bassano Memorial Library Manager, and

Scott Rose, Bassano Memorial Library Board Chair, invite you to come and experience the renovations in person!



The meeting room looking north toward the adult collection



The new children's area looking west as patrons come in the front door



The meeting room looking south toward the front of the Bassano Memorial Library

Trustee Orientation for the 21st Century in Alberta - Saturday, November 6th

Join Patricia McNamee and Ken Feser (both from Alberta Municipal Affairs, Public Library Services Branch) for an informative Library Board Development workshop on Saturday, November 6th, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This workshop will be held at the Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College.

This workshop will cover topics such as: legislation affecting your board, your role and council's role, issues facing boards, accountability and risk, and the new planning process in Alberta. The workshop will also consider some of the governance and legal issues that trustees face in their role as library board members.

Whether you're an experienced library board member or brand new to the position, this orientation will help you sharpen your skills and make your position more effective and rewarding.

Space is limited, so register for this trustee orientation workshop today by calling Linda Kozakewich at Shortgrass, 403.529.0550 ext. 6. The fee for this orientation is \$25.00 per person.

Library quote for this issue

I used to go to the library all the time when I was kid. As a teenager, I got a book on how to write jokes at the library, and that, in turn, launched my comedy career.

- Comedian Drew Carey