

# Shortgrass Clippings

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## Message from the CEO

With this June issue of the Clippings, we hope to bring our newsletter back into its regular quarterly schedule.

Since the last issue of the newsletter, the Bibliographic Services staff, with help from our three summer students, have worked their way through 90 boxes of items from the Gem Library, as well as kept up with the regular orders and donations from member libraries.

The new outreach vehicle got decked out in decals to advertise the 2016 Summer Reading Program. You can see photos of it in this newsletter and on social media.

On June 15th, the Shortgrass Board of Trustees is holding a strategic planning session with member library managers and board chairs. The information and feedback gathered at this event will inform the development of the Plan of Service, which will guide Shortgrass' operations from 2017 to the end of 2019. The event will also provide an opportunity for member library stakeholders to network with Shortgrass staff and board members, while sharing a great meal.

Client Services Librarian Rei has been busy developing two new programming kits (Xbox and Xbox Kinect), which are now available for libraries to borrow and incorporate into your programming selection.

As always, if you have any suggestions for other kits that would help you put on library programs, don't hesitate to let us know!

We hope that everyone has a great summer, full of successful summer reading program activities. Ernestine Hatpin will be putting on a summer reading performance for the little ones and we look forward to seeing your photos from the event.

Happy Summer!  
Petra

## News in Brief

### Updates

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### Cloud Burst

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See the latest and greatest from  
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Shortgrass Library System // w: [shortgrass.ca](http://shortgrass.ca) // p: 403.529.0550 // f: 403.528.2473

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Bassano Memorial Library          | • Foremost Municipal Library  | • Tilley & District Public Library |
| • Bow Island Municipal Library      | • Gem Jubilee Library         | • Graham Community Library         |
| • Brooks Public Library             | • Irvine Library Association  | • Redcliff Public Library          |
| • Duchess & District Public Library | • Medicine Hat Public Library | • Rolling Hills Public Library     |
|                                     | • Alcoma Community Library    | • Rosemary Community Library       |



## Shortgrass Updates



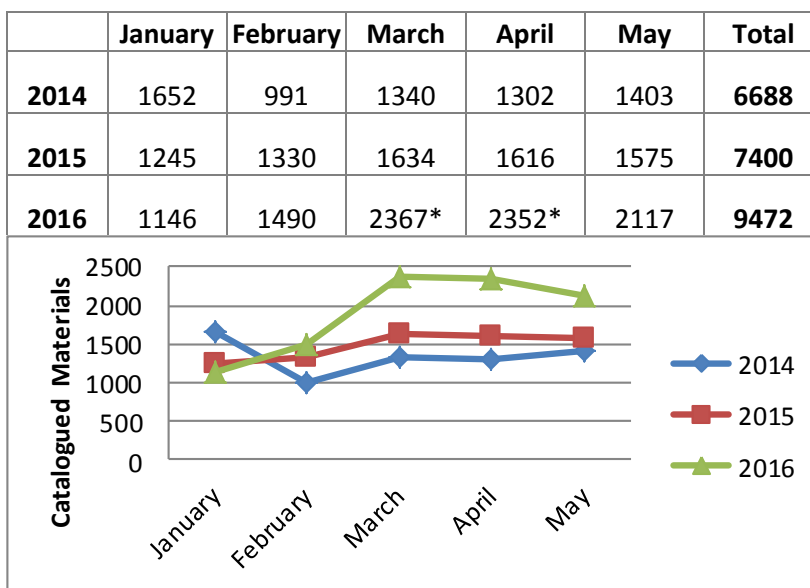
### Cataloguing Stats update



ULS Backlog project now completed!

\*469 titles in March 2016 were from the ULS Backlog project. Total items catalogued at SLS, not including the backlog project titles = 1898

\*336 titles in April 2016 were from the ULS Backlog project. Total items catalogued at SLS, not including the backlog project titles = 2016



Alberta Culture & Tourism generously provides Shortgrass with a Community Initiative Program (CIP) grant!

We are grateful for Alberta Culture & Tourism's generosity and the Kia is already being put to good use! This energy-smart vehicle will be used for regular visits to our member libraries and, on Saturdays during these warmer months, the Soul will be used to transport MHPL supplies and volunteers to the Medicine Hat Farmers Market. Working with the graphic design team at Flag 5, library-oriented decals have been applied and our summer students have devised float decorations to adorn the Kia for the community parades this summer. Stay tuned for photos of the fully decorated vehicle!



### Update on Gem Jubilee Library Material Processing

Work continues on the recon project! Our processing team (including our summer students Richard, Bailey and Amanda) has been busy cataloguing and processing items!

The 1st batch of 90 boxes of processed books were picked up by Gem Library on May 14th. Pictured to the right are two days worth of completed work.



Four weeks later, the number of items ready to be put back on Gem Library shelves has expanded substantially.







## Summer Students at Shortgrass

Shortgrass is excited to have three summer students, Amanda, Bailey and Richard, join us at Headquarters for the summer months, decorating the parade float, as well as providing assistance with cataloguing and processing the Gem Library recon project.

**Amanda** just finished her second year of Earth Sciences at the University of Alberta. She is excited to be back for a second summer at Shortgrass.

**Bailey** just finished her first year at the University of Milwaukee. She's anticipating a busy summer working and coaching soccer to kids under 12!

**Richard** just finished his second year of Mechanical Engineering at Queen's University. He is excited to decorate the Kia for the parades this year!



**KEEP THE KIDS  
READING THIS SUMMER**



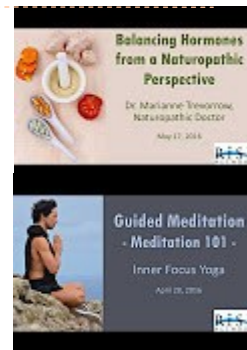
kids who read 15 min a day during  
the summer do better in school the next year

## RISE Video Conferencing Recordings Available!



Did you miss a RISE video conference? Do you have a patron seeking information about RISE sessions? View past sessions via the Marigold Library System's YouTube channel :

<http://tinyurl.com/z4kmaoy>



## Did you know?

Library cards can be used in most libraries across Alberta?!

Get more details on Alberta-wide borrowing at: <http://melibraries.ca>

Access more library items  
for free, sign up now!

**ME** Alberta  
Wide  
Borrowing  
**LIBRARIES**





## Programming Kits

Shortgrass has a variety of Programming Kits to **deliver excellent programs and library services** to your community members.

**USES:** In-house library programming, special events and/or displays.

**FIND ONLINE:** <http://www.shortgrass.ca/programming-kits>

**BORROW:** From WorkFlows, place a hold using your library account or contact Rei, the Client Services Librarian at: [rei@shortgrass.ca](mailto:rei@shortgrass.ca) or 403-529-0550 – ext 104.

Please notify Rei, or place a hold on a kit well in advance to ensure the kit is available for your programming date.

COMING  
SOON!

Xbox and  
Yard-zee kits



## RECOMMENDATIONS

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# Cloud Burst

Aaron Dalla-Longa  
Systems Administrator at Headquarters



Welcome back to Cloud Burst!

As you know, we recently replaced all wireless access points throughout the entire Shortgrass network, including in member libraries, to bring the hardware up-to-date with growing technological demands, and to allow future growth.

Most staff devices will connect to the new Wi-Fi points the exact same way as they used to before the change, with exception to a specific version of Android OS.

Unfortunately, this is a bug in the Android OS itself, but there is a fix!

On the SLS Internal Wiki page—  
[wiki.shortgrass.ca](http://wiki.shortgrass.ca), mentioned in the previous edition of Cloud Burst, there is a "Wi-Fi issues" page under "Technical Troubleshooting," which addresses this issue specifically, and how to correct it in one easy step.

This only applies to the Staff-Specific Wi-Fi connections. Patron logins are unaffected. I have created this convenient URL so you can get to this part of the Wiki easier:

[shortgrass.ca/troubleshooting](http://shortgrass.ca/troubleshooting).

Have a great summer and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any technology-related questions!

Remember to check your library's webpages regularly and let me know if there is anything you would like to update or change.



You can reach me at: [aaron@shortgrass.ca](mailto:aaron@shortgrass.ca) or at [1-866-529-0550 ext 103](tel:1-866-529-0550).

# News from Member Libraries



Bow Island  
Municipal Library

## Video conferencing and Family Fun at Susan Andersen Public Library

Susan Andersen Public Library experienced great turnouts in May! On May 5th, they hosted a video conference: "Grow Your Own Garden" (pictured on the right) and on May 24th, in partnership with Terry-Lynn Arnal of the Forty Mile Coalition ECD, they hosted their first Family Craft Night (pictured below right). The coalition promotes Early Literacy and has partnered with the library for storytimes and crafts. It was exciting to see a number of new faces at the event!



Duchess & District  
Public Library

## Special Service Award presented to Duchess & District Library for support of CMHA Alberta Southeast Region



The Duchess Library donated a book cart to THE POST to be used in their bookstore. With the relocation of the bookstore to the main part of THE POST, the store's need to transport books over longer distances has increased. The book cart has been a very instrumental and appreciated item for book transportation. The donation makes the work for staff and volunteers much easier!



## Medicine Hat Public Library Out and About

Most Saturdays, beginning May 14th, the Medicine Hat Public Library booth will be at the Farmers' Market located at the Stampede Grounds in Medicine Hat. They've been reaching out in the community offering information, making new memberships, and checking library materials out to patrons!



## MHPL Board of Trustees honoured with Alberta Trustees Association (ALTA) Award of Excellence!

On Sunday, May 29th, the Medicine Hat Public Library Board was presented with the 2016 Award of Excellence (serving populations more than 20,000) for successful initiatives, new partnerships and events implemented during the library's 2015 centennial year.

See more at: <http://mhpl.shortgrass.ca/about-us-library-board/2016-award-excellence>



## New look in the Young Adult areas!

Graham Community Library and Medicine Hat Public Library  
both recently acquired stylish furniture for their teen areas!



## Neat ideas around our Member Libraries!



~ Take Time To Read poster ~

~ We Want Mail! Mailbox ~



~ New Arrivals display ~



~ There is something for everyone ~





# Ideas and Resources

## Looking for information on Family Law in Alberta?



[legalave.ca](http://legalave.ca)

LegalAve, created by non-profit Alberta Legal Information Society (ALIS), is a great starting place for addressing and understanding Family Law. It connects Albertans to third-party resources.

The growing database includes information about marriages, divorce, adoption, elder care, domestic violence, and child support.

### Resources available:

- Basic Information
- Forms, reports, programs and courses, court cases, and legislation
- Audio, Webpages, PDFs, books, videos, and webinars
- Available in Multiple languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, Farsi...)

### How to use LegalAve:

- Use the step-by-step guided pathway tool (Click on “Start Here” to narrow down and find the information you need)
- Search information in the Search bar
- Browse the Family Law topics under “Legal Topics”

Please note: LegalAve does not offer legal advice. Instead, it connects to resources and current information in Alberta.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

#### RECORDED WEBINAR:

How to Market Your Large Print Collection:  
Successful Librarians Speak  
(<http://bit.ly/1YGEfCd>)

From: Booklist

Originally broadcast: May 10th, 2016 (60 min)

Want to leverage your existing investment in Large Print titles to bring in new readers and boost circulation? Find out how! Learn how to get the most out of your collection and build awareness of the format. This webinar delivers practical tips, proven techniques, and overall strategies that have been field tested.

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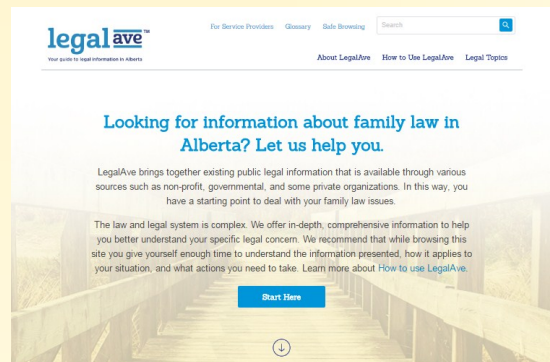
#### LEARN ONLINE:

[Promoting the Library through Programming](#)

Access this example packed PDF from [Library Toolshed](http://librarytoolshed.ca/) (<http://librarytoolshed.ca/>) to see 3 Key Ways to promote the Library:

1. Get your patrons involved
2. Collaborate with the greater community
3. Recognize staff as library champions

Presented by Tabitha Nordby,  
Red River College Instructor



### Looking for a training refresher?

Please contact us!

Questions about : Add-ons and Fast Adds - [chris@shortgrass.ca](mailto:chris@shortgrass.ca)  
eResources (hoopla, Zinio...) - [rei@shortgrass.ca](mailto:rei@shortgrass.ca)

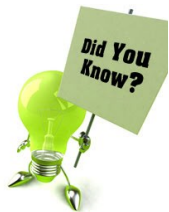
# Notable Quote

**"Words create  
Worlds"**

- Rabbi Heschel



Quote courtesy from Lisa at Brooks



## CODES!

Do you know the different meanings behind the codes and numbers that surround us day to day?

See more in *Mental Floss*, an e-magazine available on Zinio



### 1 UNIVERSAL PRODUCT CODES

The "number system identifier" pinpoints the type of item: A 3 means health products; a 5 is for coupons.

Manufacturer code (Unilever owns 11111)

Item code



That mysterious twelfth digit? It's a "check digit," to prevent human and machine error.

### 2 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBERS

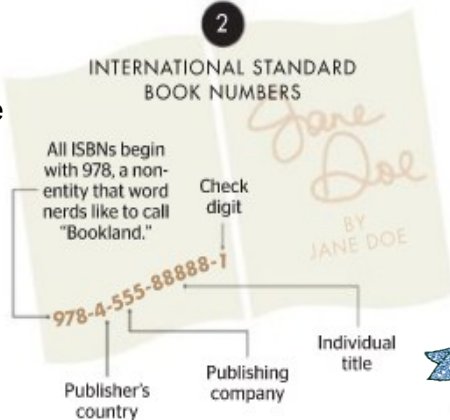
All ISBNs begin with 978, a non-entity that word nerds like to call "Bookland."

Check digit

Publisher's country

Publishing company

Individual title



Source: Blanchard, Keith. (2016, May/June). The Hidden Lives of Everyday Numbers. *Mental Floss*, 15(3), 45.

## Manager's Meeting - May 16th, 2016



*Happy Retirement Shannon!*



We will miss you

*Welcome Daryl*



~ Daryl Kimura ~

New Manager of Duchess & District Library



**A day in the  
life at  
Shortgrass  
Headquarters**



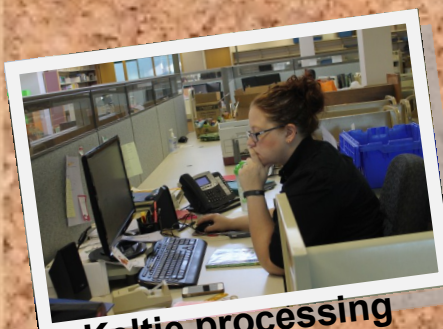
**Amanda packing  
Interlibrary Loan items**



**Bailey preparing book  
jackets**



**Richard adding items into  
the catalogue**



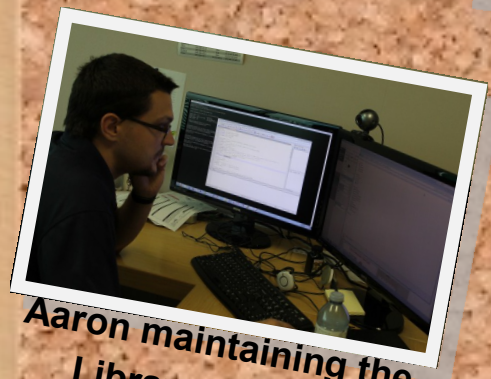
**Keltie processing  
Interlibrary Loan  
requests**



**Larry sorting  
Member Library  
materials**



**Val cataloguing  
Library items**



**Aaron maintaining the  
Library network**



**Norman cataloguing  
Library items**



## June

**June 1-3:** CLA National Forum in Victoria

**June 11:** Shortgrass Kia at Brooks Parade

**June 15:** Strategic Planning Session,  
Shortgrass Board & Staff,  
Member Library Managers &  
Board Chairs

**June 25:** Shortgrass Kia at Tilley Parade

## July

**July 1:** Canada Day - SLS HQ Closed,  
no deliveries

**July 2:** Deliveries resume, missed deliveries  
made up

**July 28:** Shortgrass Kia at Medicine Hat  
Parade

## August

**August 1:** August Civic Holiday -  
SLS HQ Closed, no deliveries

**August 2:** Deliveries resume, missed  
deliveries made up

**August 17:** SLS Board Meeting

**August 20:** Gem Library Grand re-opening

## September

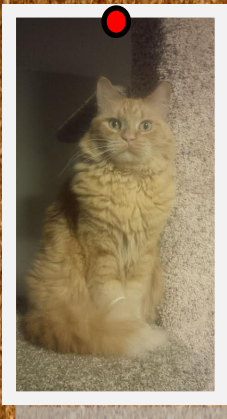
**September 19:** Library Manager's Meeting  
at Foremost Municipal Library



### Looking for feedback:

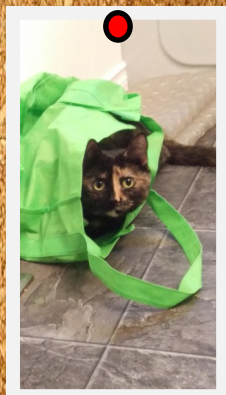
If you have suggestions, photos, stories that you'd like to share and/or ideas for a future issue, please contact Rei - Client Services Librarian at: [rei@shortgrass.ca](mailto:rei@shortgrass.ca)

## Animal Alley!



Meet : **Oz**

(He lives with  
Liz, Cataloguer  
at Shortgrass)



Meet : **Patch**

(She lives with  
Blaine, Cataloguer  
at Shortgrass)



Meet : **Timothy & Fergus**

(They live with Carol Ann,  
Head of Children's Services  
at MHPL)