

# SHORTGRASS CLIPPINGS

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## FRESH-FACED FOR FALL

Welcome to the updated version of Shortgrass Clippings! Starting with this issue, we'll be publishing a much shorter issue on a bi-monthly schedule. This new format will allow us to get information out to you more quickly while reducing bloat and wasted paper.



## OH, BABY!

We're excited to finally be able to spill the beans about a little bean: SLS's Acquisitions Officer, Keltie Turner, is expecting! Baby Turner is due next March...but as you can see from the photo, Mom and Dad-to-be have already started sharing their love of Disney with Baby! Congratulations, Keltie!

## SHORTGRASS PD DAY

**OCTOBER 16, 2017**

**8:30-4:30**

**MEDICINE HAT LODGE**

**REGISTRATION: \$45**

All SLS member library staff, volunteers, and board members are invited to attend our annual PD Day! Session topics include:

- Assistive Technology
- Coping With Change
- Everything You Wanted to Know About Your Library Manager But Were Afraid to Ask

Registration includes lunch and snacks. Shortgrass will also pay mileage on one vehicle per library to Medicine Hat. Carpooling is encouraged!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Oct. 11. Cash or cheque payable to SLS.

## 2017 BY THE NUMBERS



**10,466**

items catalogued



Our most popular PressReader titles include the Calgary Herald, the Toronto Star, the National Post, the Globe and Mail, and the Calgary Sun

**SO FAR IN 2017...**



**423,753**

items have been checked out and/or renewed across all Shortgrass member libraries



**7,150**

RBdigital magazine checkouts



**3,224**

items currently on order

\*as of July 31

**SHORTGRASS LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
2375 10 AVENUE S.W.  
MEDICINE HAT, AB T1A 8G2



## NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

Participants in **Graham Community Library's** coding camp went bananas for computer programming this summer!



Author Becky Wigemyr visited **Duchess & District Public Library** for a chat and a reading of her book *Cowboy Cody*.



**MHPL's** annual Stampede Breakfast was attended by over 1000 people! The library also held its "Cock-A-Doodle-Poo" fundraiser at the event, & lucky patron Darryl Lockwood won \$5000 when the chicken chose his square to "do the deed" on.



## SHORTGRASS CALENDAR

**Sept 20:** SLS Board Meeting

**Oct 9:** Thanksgiving Day  
(office closed)

**Oct 18:** SLS Board Meeting

**Nov 13:** SLS office closed in lieu of Remembrance Day

**Nov 15:** SLS Board Meeting

**Nov 20:** Library Managers Meeting

## CLIENT SERVICES UPDATE

### New Programming Kits

(Murder) Mystery Parties: Turn your library into the scene of a crime with our new mystery party kits! Guests are assigned characters and must try to find out who among them committed the crime. Kids', teen, and adult mysteries are available.

**October is Library Month**, and to celebrate we want to hear from your patrons about why they love their library! Watch out for our Thankful Trees heading your way in late September. Have other ideas on how to celebrate? Let us know so we can share them!

Kids at **Foremost Municipal Library** got groovy during the Ernestine Hatpin summer concert!

