

## HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION UPDATE

Our almost 30 year old building will be undergoing some major renovations in 2018, thanks to a Facility Renovation Grant in the amount of \$850,000 that we have received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, Public Library Services Branch.

With a new roof (including a large rooftop solar panel installation) added in 2015 and new flooring throughout most of the building in 2016, we will now be able to tackle some of the functional



It's a big job, but at least we're not starting from scratch again!

areas of our facility. The plan is to add a large garage, which will be able to accommodate our cargo vans (and will hopefully result in fewer damaged side mirrors), a new training room, updates to the washrooms, as well as a long overdue re-design of the lighting in the foyer area, just to name a few.

This means that 2018 will be a messy, dusty and possibly noisy year at Shortgrass! I am excited to get this project under way and cannot wait to see the final results. Updates will be provided as they become available.

**Petra Mauerhoff, SLS CEO**

## SHORTGRASS CALENDAR

### November

**24:** Order cutoff date

### December

**6:** Christmas dinner & social (Medicine Hat Golf & Country Club)

**25:** Christmas Day (SLS office closed)

**26:** Boxing Day (SLS office closed)

**27:** SLS office closed until 1pm

### January

**1:** New Year's Day (SLS office closed)

**2:** SLS office closed until 1pm

**15:** Library Managers Meeting

**17:** SLS Board Meeting

### February

**19:** Family Day (SLS office closed)

**21:** SLS Board Meeting

### March

**19:** Library Managers Meeting

**30:** Good Friday (SLS office closed)

## THE BIG 5-0

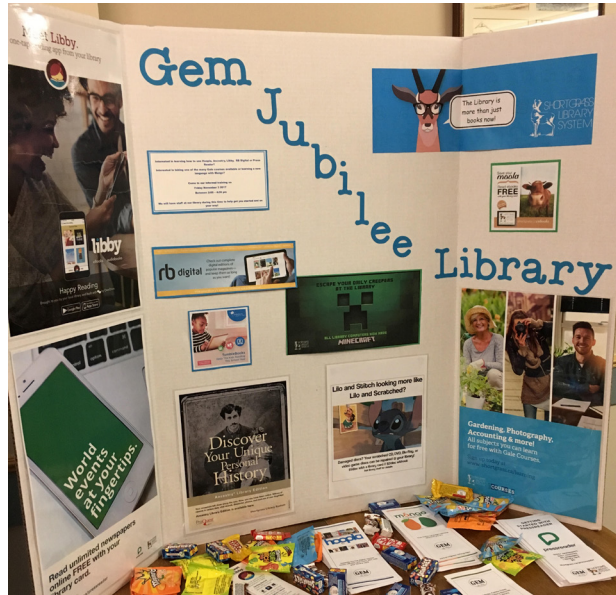
Congratulations are in order for **Redcliff Public Library**, which had its fiftieth anniversary this October! Library staff, patrons, and board members held a big party to celebrate the occasion. With cupcakes, face painting, and speeches, the fabulous festivities were enjoyed by all!





## NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

**Gem Jubilee Library** staff attended the community's annual Turkey Supper with this awesome display to spread the word about the library, its services, and the resources patrons can access there!



A lot happened at **Duchess and District Public Library** this fall! Check out their "I Love My Library Because..." display (pictured left) and new art by local artist Tracy Kuffner from the Wool Mill.



More exciting news from **Redcliff Public Library** in October: they opened their newly renovated meeting room and hosted a MaKey MaKey day for tweens!



## CLIENT SERVICES UPDATE

**New STEAM Storytime Kits are here!** Designed to get kids thinking creatively about science, technology, and math, these kits are a great twist on the usual storytime format. Each comes with books and creative activity ideas, and kids of all ages will love trying to build better houses for the Three Pigs or making their own "Rosie-Copters" from *Rosie Revere, Engineer*. Three themed kits available: Fairytale STEAM, Inventing, and Things That Go Vrooom!

**Public training sessions are now available!** If there's a library-related topic your patrons would like to learn more about (e.g. eReading, Ancestry, or digital magazines), Samantha would be thrilled to visit your library and host an information session! After a recent eReading session in Bow Island, Marj Moncrieff commented: *"Samantha did an excellent presentation on OverDrive at the Bow Island Library last evening. She was very clear in her directions and thorough in her presentation of the info. And, she has a very pleasant style of communicating - easy to follow, cheerful, humorous, very comfortable."*

## SLS BOARD NEWS

The 2017 municipal election has resulted in some changes to the Shortgrass Library System Board of Trustees. The current list is as follows:

- **Chair:** Dwight Kilpatrick (Redcliff)
- **Vice-Chair:** Ernest Mudie (Cypress County)
- **Treasurer:** Craig Widmer (County of Forty Mile)
- Terrie Matz (Bow Island)
- Jackie Peterson (Bassano)
- Michael MacDonald (Brooks)
- Deborah Reid-Mickler (Duchess)
- Phil Turnbull (Medicine Hat)
- Kelly Christman (County of Newell)
- BJ Hasper (Rosemary)