

# SHORTGRASS CLIPPINGS

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## SUMMER PERFORMER ANNOUNCEMENT

Shortgrass is excited to announce that we have officially booked a brand-new

performer for this year's Summer Reading Concerts! Juno Award nominee

**Mary Lambert** is an outstanding Canadian family singer, songwriter, performer, and author from Calmar, AB. With over 3000 shows performed during her career, Mary is a pro who is sure to

delight both kids and parents alike when she tours Shortgrass member libraries this July. We can't wait!



Mary's tour dates are as follows:

- July 9: Gem
- July 10: Bow Island
- July 11: Medicine Hat
- July 12: Rosemary
- July 12: Bassano
- July 13: Tilley
- July 13: Brooks
- July 16: Redcliff
- July 17: Graham
- July 17: Duchess
- July 18: Alcoma
- July 18: Rolling Hills
- July 19: Foremost
- July 19: Irvine

## SHORTGRASS CALENDAR

### March

**19:** Library Managers Meeting

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

### April

**2:** Easter Monday (SLS office closed)

**18:** SLS Board Meeting

### May

**14:** Library Managers Meeting

**16:** SLS Board Meeting

**21:** Victoria Day (SLS office closed)

### June

**20:** SLS Board Meeting

**20:** Joint Meeting of Library Board Chairs & Library Managers

### July

**2:** SLS office closed in lieu of Canada Day

## MANGO LANGUAGES REPLACED BY PRONUNCIATOR

The Public Library Services Branch has officially announced that as of March 31, 2018, service for the Mango Languages resource will end. Mango will be replaced with the language learning resource **Pronunciator**. More information, including resource training, promotional materials, and a timeline for release to the public, will be made available soon.

Pronunciator currently offers courses in 80 languages, including ESL for 50 non-English languages. What's especially cool? Pronunciator offers the ability to learn any language in any other language!



## NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

On February 9, **Medicine Hat Public Library** hosted its annual Lovin' the Library fundraiser. This year's event raised about \$12,000!



**Graham Community Library** had fun recently with two well-attended programs: our brand-new button-making kit and the ever-popular candy sushi!



We love **Brooks Public Library's** Freedom to Read Week display! Their Food for Fines campaign (seen here featured in the *Brooks Bulletin*) is also a great way to help their community.



## Pay for library books fines with food donations

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BROOKS BULLETIN

The Brooks Public Library is accepting food donations as a way to pay fines on overdue books. The program will continue until March 23 with each item worth \$1 towards a fine. The idea was taken from the 2014 book *Maddi's Fridge*.

Brooks staff members initiated the program after learning the month before Easter is a time of need at the food bank, said librarian Lisa Crosby.



## CLIENT SERVICES UPDATE

The robot uprising is here, and it's adorable. Our latest programming kit is **Ozobot**, which are small robots that teach basic computer programming skills. The bots, named Evo and Bit, read colour code that makes them light up, move, and talk, which means that all you need to make them go is a few Sharpies and your creativity!

Ozobot is one of several library programs that our Client Services Librarian Samantha will be available to present at your libraries this summer. Email [samantha@shortgrass.ca](mailto:samantha@shortgrass.ca) for more information.



## BIB SERVICES UPDATE

Most new BiblioCommons records for DVDs and Blu-Rays now include a link to the entry for that title on Internet Movie Database (IMDB.com). This link gives library users an easy jump-off point for accessing trailers, photos, and detailed cast & credit information that cannot be captured in a typical library record. A big thanks to Shortgrass Cataloguer **Liz** for coming up with this idea and finding a way to implement it in our system!

During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds.

Details Full Record

**Publisher:** Universal City, California :, Universal Pictures Home Entertainment., 2018.  
**Copyright Date:** ©2017  
**Characteristics:** 1 videodisc (DVD) (approximately 2 hr., 5 min.) : sound, color : 4 3/4 in. digital, video, Dolby Digital 5.1, rda  
1.85:1 anamorphic widescreen, rda  
DVD, NTSC, rda  
video file, DVD, dual layer, region 1, rda  
**Additional Contributors:** Bevan, Tim - Producer  
Wright, Joe 1972-- Director  
Oldman, Gary - Actor  
Scott-Thomas, Kristin 1960-- Actor  
James, Lily 1989-- Actor  
Universal Pictures Home Entertainment (Firm)  
**Alternative Title:** Darkest hour = [videorecording] L'heure la plus sombre.  
Heure la plus sombre [enregistrement vidéo]

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