

## THANK YOU, MICHELLE!

**Medicine Hat Public Library** recently said goodbye to their longtime Teen Services Coordinator, Michelle, after 35 years of service to the library and the community. Thank you, Michelle, and enjoy your retirement!



## SHORTGRASS CALENDAR

### September

- 3: Labour Day (SLS office closed)
- 17: Library Managers Meeting
- 19: SLS Board Meeting

### October:

- 8: Thanksgiving (SLS office closed)
- 17: SLS Board Meeting

### November:

- 12: SLS office closed in lieu of Remembrance Day
- 19: Library Managers Meeting (held at MHPL)

### December

- 5: Christmas Dinner & Social
- 24: SLS office closed at noon (until January 2, 2019)

## SLS OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 🌲

At the May 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, the Shortgrass board decided to close the office between Christmas and New Year's in 2018 as a pilot project.

The SLS office will close at noon on Monday, December 24th, 2018 and re-open on Wednesday,

January 2nd, 2019. This means we will be closed for an extra 3 days this year (December 27th and 28th, and the full day of the 31st).

There will be no deliveries during that time period, but emergency IT on-call services will still be in place.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hard hats, everyone! Renovations will finally start getting underway at Shortgrass headquarters this month, with completion anticipated in early spring.

We can't wait to show off our revamped space in 2019!



## LEAN SIX SIG-MAZING

As part of our ongoing professional development plan, Shortgrass HQ staff participated in a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certification course. During the three-day course, staff were introduced (or in some cases, reintroduced) to the guiding principles of L6S, a business philosophy which helps improve efficiency, increase productivity, and reduce waste. We all learned a lot, and can't wait to use our skills to improve services to member libraries! (We also got to play with Lego, and any training that allows for this is just fine with us.)



## NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

It was a busy summer at our Shortgrass member libraries! As we head into fall, we can't resist sharing a few more summer programming shots.



We love these shots of projects made as part of **Redcliff Public Library's** summer reading program! Looks like a rockin' good time!

**Rosemary Community Library** was one of several libraries that had a magical time when they borrowed our brand-new Harry Potter escape room this summer.



**Medicine Hat Public Library** hosted their annual Stampede breakfast and (second annual) Cock-a-Doodle-Poo fundraiser in July. Pictured here are some of the 1,000+ people served and lucky winner Greg Herman, who walked away \$5000 richer after the chicken deigned to poo on the square he owned.