



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

2021 was the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic and another busy year for Shortgrass Library System. In January, a new Client Services Librarian and a new Bookkeeper/Executive Assistant started their positions.

All library managers meetings were held virtually in 2021, and Shortgrass Board meetings took on a hybrid format, with up to three trustees attending in person and others attending virtually. Shortgrass' virtual meeting software was shared with member libraries, to facilitate virtual board meetings for everyone.

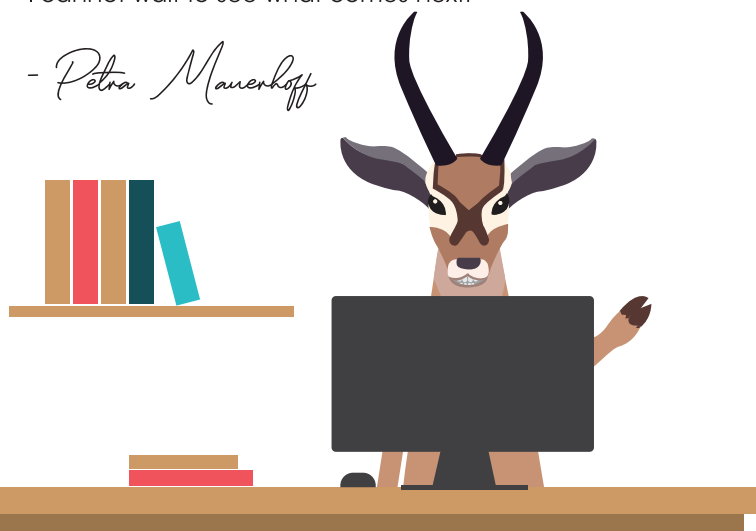
Training for library staff continued during the pandemic, and Shortgrass also participated as a host organization in a virtual Board Leadership Alberta event held across several lunch and learn sessions in September and October 2021.

Client Services Librarian Kait added 22 new programming kits to the Shortgrass collection during the year and delivered many programs at member libraries to coincide with local Summer Reading events.

We concluded the year on a very positive note, after being awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta for project CODE RED, which will allow us to provide free menstrual products in participating member libraries.

This past year provided incredible opportunities for libraries to demonstrate their value beyond their physical spaces. Going forward, we will have the opportunity to combine best practices from before and during the pandemic for a successful future. I cannot wait to see what comes next!

- Petra Mauerhoff



eBooks Available

19,731



eBooks Borrowed

92,718



eAudiobooks Borrowed

30,236



Online Magazines Downloaded

19,439



Online Newspapers Read

153,396



Online Courses Taken

931



Value of Online Courses Taken

\$181,545



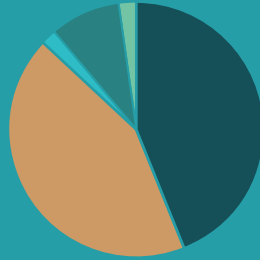
Thank you for
another great year!
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Alcoma Community Library • Bassano Memorial Library • Bow Island Municipal Library • Brooks Public Library • Duchess & District Public Library • Foremost Municipal Library • Gem Jubilee Library • Graham Community Library • Irvine Community Library • Medicine Hat Public Library • Redcliff Public Library • Rolling Hills Public Library • Rosemary Community Library • Tilley & District Public Library

2021 FINANCIALS

REVENUES

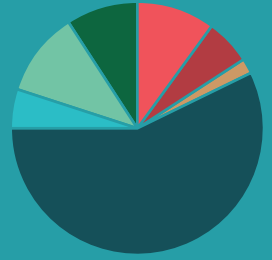
- 44% Municipal
- 43% Provincial
- 2% Contract & Other grants
- 9% Library Boards
- 2% Investments & Reimbursements



TOTAL REVENUES \$1,204,068

EXPENSES

- 10% Reserve fund spending
- 6% Building & Capital
- 2% Grants & Donations
- 57% Salaries
- 5% Administration
- 11% Technology
- 9% Public Services



TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,160,589



Most Borrowed Physical Books

#1 *The Four Winds*
A Novel by Kristin Hannah

#2 *Sooley*
A Novel by John Grisham

#3 *The Last Thing He Told Me*
A Novel by Laura Dave



Most Borrowed Movies

#1 *News of the World*

#2 *Wonder Woman*
1984

#3 *Mulan*

Programming Kits Available

67



Programming Kits Booked

66



Physical Items in the Collection

358,110



Items Processed

19,248



Average Cataloguing Turnaround

2.95 days



Total km Driven by Delivery Vehicles

51,646km

WiFi Sessions in Libraries

67,861



of Trial Memberships Given Out

696



Extra eBook Spending

\$44,000

Thank you to our
eleven member
municipalities!

City of Medicine Hat • City of Brooks • County of Forty
Mile No. 8 • County of Newell • Cypress County •
Town of Bassano • Town of Bow Island • Town of
Redcliff • Village of Duchess • Village of Foremost •
Village of Rosemary

Resourceful
by Nature

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