



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

2022 was a year of exciting developments at Shortgrass and service enhancements for member libraries!

The significant increase in e-resource use seen throughout 2020/21 at the height of the pandemic has normalized as users returned to visiting the library in person.

The Code Red project to provide menstrual products in member libraries officially launched and it was a big success. Participating libraries have shared a lot of positive feedback on the value of making these products available for free and the difference they are making in people's lives.

Shortgrass undertook a pilot project with contracted IT support services through Partek. This has extended and improved IT support for SLS HQ and member libraries.

July saw the launch of a new, enhanced delivery schedule and welcomed Jim back to the delivery team. It was a very busy summer, and for the first time in many years Shortgrass hosted a student, Sierra, who worked closely with Kait on supporting the summer reading program in member libraries.

In October the system-wide Professional Development Day was held at the Brooks Public Library and it was wonderful to have so many library staff and board members together again.

Many thanks to all our partners and stakeholders for supporting Shortgrass Library System in 2022!

- Petra Mauerkhoff



eBooks Available

20,653

4.67% increase



eBooks Borrowed

83,980

9.42% decrease



eAudiobooks Borrowed

34,396

13.758% increase



Online Magazines Downloaded

10,409

46.453% decrease



Online Newspapers Read

2,718,275

39.71% decrease



Online Courses Taken

1,126

20.945% increase



Value of Online Courses Taken

\$219,570



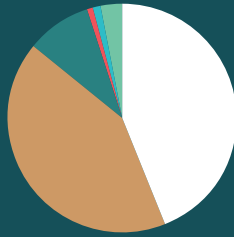
Thank you for another great year!
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Alcoma Community Library • Bassano Memorial Library • Bow Island Municipal Library • Brooks Public Library • Duchess & District Public Library • Foremost Municipal Library • Gem Jubilee Library • Graham Community Library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

2022 FINANCIALS

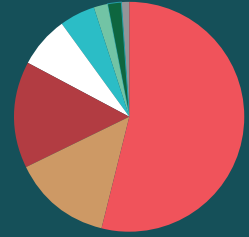
REVENUES

- 44% ● Municipal
- 42% ● Provincial
- 1% ● Contract & Other grants
- 9% ● Library Boards
- 3% ● Investments & Reimbursements
- 1% ● Other Grants



EXPENSES

- 54% ● Staffing
- 14% ● Technology
- 15% ● Public Services
- 7% ● Administration
- 5% ● Building / Capital
- 2% ● Grants & Donations
- 2% ● Delivery & ILL
- 1% ● Reserve Fund Spending



TOTAL REVENUES \$1,204,068

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,160,589

LIBRARY MATERIALS TOTAL SPENDING \$433,503



Most Borrowed Physical Books

#1 Verity
Colleen Hoover

#2 Kristy's Big Day
A Graphic Novel by Gale Galligan

#3 The Maid
A Novel by Nita Prose



Most Borrowed Movies

#1 The Batman

#2 No Time to Die

#3 The Lost City



of Trial Memberships Given Out

386



Extra eBook Spending

\$78,837



Programming Kits Booked

195
195% increase



Programming Kits Available

82
22% increase



Physical Items in the Collection

350,496
2.126% decrease



Physical Items Processed

20,765
7.88% increase



Total km Driven by Delivery Vehicles

74,600km
44.44% increase



WiFi Sessions in Libraries

93,911
38.387% increase



Average Cataloguing Turnaround

2.44 Days



Resourceful
by Nature

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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

Thank you to our eleven member municipalities!