

# Summer Parades

Does your community have a summer parade? Many ' communities hold an annual parade as part of their Canada Day or more general summer festivities. If you would like your library to participate in this event -- to advertise library services or raise awareness of your summer reading program -- Shortgrass is able to provide a parade float to assist you.

## Parade Scheduling

You will be asked early in the spring -- typically late April or early May -- if there will be a parade in your community and whether you would like us to help you participate. Shortgrass currently has two vehicles which can be decorated and used as parade floats, so even if your parade is on the same day as another community's, may be able to accommodate you.

## Parade Staffing

Although the parade float may be provided by Shortgrass, it is representing your library in your community. We will require at least one staff person, board member, or volunteer from your library to be available at the time of the parade to set up the float, ride in the float with Shortgrass staff, and clean up after the event. Your representative will not be responsible for driving the parade float. For insurance reasons, we are unable to allow you to use a Shortgrass vehicle without a Shortgrass staff member present.

## Parade Float Decoration

Shortgrass will provide all the decorations needed for the float. If you are able to tell us in advance what your summer reading program or parade theme is (e.g. dinosaurs), we will work to ensure that our float is in line with that theme. If you do not have a specific theme in mind, or are working with the generic TD Summer Reading Program, Shortgrass will decorate to that theme. Please see the attached photo (from the 2018 Foremost parade) for an example of what a decorated float might look like.



The Foremost Municipal Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program theme was dinosaurs, so we created a float to match!