

SHORTGRASS CLIPPINGS

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IT'S A MAJOR AWARD!

Several major awards, in fact. Shortgrass is pleased to announce that the first annual Shorty Awards will be given at this year's Christmas party. Did your library hold a fantastic program or event that had the whole town talking? Do you have a staff member who consistently demonstrates stellar customer service skills? We want to hear about it!

Awards are available in the following categories:

- Innovation: Best NEW Library Program, 2018
- Community Outreach

- Advocacy
- Innovative Use of Technology
- Public Relations
- Partnerships



Winning libraries will receive a plaque and a monetary donation, with hopes that the funds will be used to provide even more fantastic library services in your community.

Think you have what it takes? Submit your application (with as much detail about your program or staffer as possible!) to shortyawards@shortgrass.ca by November 26, 2018.

FAREWELL, NORMAN!

His countdown is finally over! After ten years with Shortgrass, our cataloguer Norman Stewart has closed the book on his career, having retired on his birthday this past October. We wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.



E-RESOURCE UPDATES

Winter is here, and with our massive new **RBDigital** audiobook collection, we just gave you 27,000 reasons to not leave your house until April. With unlimited checkouts and most titles licensed for simultaneous use (read: no holds!), we know your patrons will be smiling ear to ear.



We're also excited to announce the launch of **Solaro**, a curriculum based study help and exam preparation tool for students in grades 3-12. With thousands of practise questions, lessons, and integrated study aids like a flash card and note creator, Solaro is certain to be an important tool for ensuring student success.

SHORTGRASS CALENDAR

December

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

January

2: SLS Office reopens
14: Library Managers Meeting
16: SLS Board Meeting

February

13: SLS Board Meeting
18: Family Day (SLS office closed)
28: Southern Alberta Library Conference, Lethbridge (until March 2)

RENOVATION UPDATE 🧑‍🔧

Upgrades to our beautiful building continue! Below, a member of the construction crew puts up a wall for our new training room. Other changes include a new garage and new washrooms. We can't wait to show everything off next spring!



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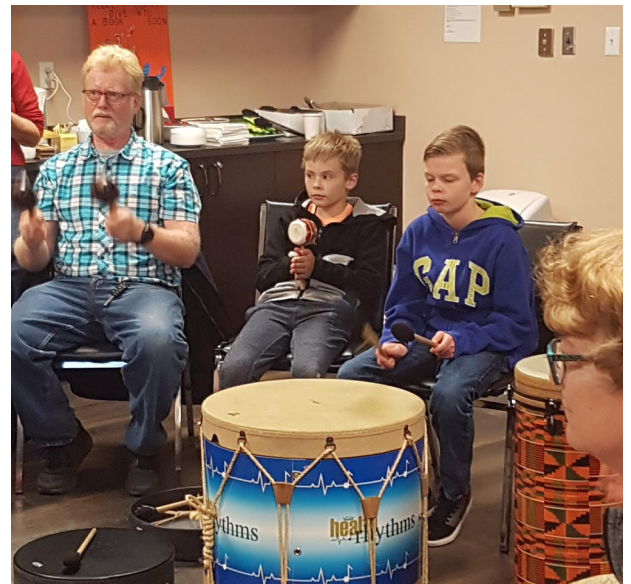
NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

From Culture Days to Caturday, it was a busy fall season for Shortgrass member libraries!



It might be getting colder out, but our hearts are warmed by these adorable shots of kids enjoying their local libraries. At left, young patrons play at **Irvine Community Library**. At right, a happy crafter shows off her finished project at **Graham Community Library**.

As part of the Alberta Culture Days festivities at the end of September, **Redcliff Public Library** hosted a Drumming with Sara event! Fifteen participants were able to take part in this free event, and by the looks of it, everyone had a bangin' good time.



In partnership with the SPCA, **Medicine Hat Public Library** hosted their third annual cat cafe last month. Participants were able to spend a half hour playing with adoptable cats and kittens brought by the SPCA. Looks like a pretty "purrfect" Caturday to us!