



## Day after Christmas, Library Style

'Tis the day after Christmas, the turkey's been ate  
The gravy was excellent, the potatoes fresh baked  
And grandpa George's pants went "ker pluck"  
The top button popped, it was just dumb luck

That tree that you trimmed, took hours to make right  
Looks like in it, two cats had a fight  
The carpet was once where the wrapping is now  
The cats disappeared, and two dogs.... "Holy Cow!"

The music that once had a calming effect  
That had played quietly all over, before this event  
Has now been replaced by ZZ Top and the like  
So much for relaxing, you've seen a new light

The gifts that you made, took hours to create  
Now everyone wants one, took orders for eight  
Its time to return all the stuff, don't be daft  
To the library that helped you, and thank the great staff

They had all the books, cd's and much more  
The movies and music and surprises galore  
The craft books, self help books plus recipes abound  
All this in that neat little library you found

'Tis come to an end  
Cause we do like to boast  
The library has helped make you  
One incredible host

John Kozakewich  
MHPL



## Season's Greetings to our Shortgrass Family

The Christmas season is upon us again and we want to extend our best wishes to all the people in our Shortgrass family who work to make the individual libraries and the system so successful in providing great library and information services to the citizens in southeastern Alberta.

We have experienced another busy and successful year. As we contemplated our "preferred future for 2015", the contributions of all of you assisted to create that dream. From that point we drafted a Plan of Service for 2005 – 2007, which will provide direction for us as we work towards our preferred future. This was the most important work we did this year as we now know where and how to focus our energies to create the best possible service to our libraries and to the patrons.

Another success story is the support the SLS Board received from all member municipalities to modify the budget approval process in the SLS Agreement. Consequently our budget consideration and approval process will be improved.

Our Board is most pleased to welcome a new member municipality to the Shortgrass family. The Village of Rosemary joined our system in October, which means we now have nine member municipalities. The recon process to bring the Rosemary Community Library into our system will commence in the new year.

We are also pleased to welcome the Prairie Rose Regional School Division as a contract service. Our staff is very busy working on the recon of the twenty libraries within the school system. These libraries are in schools across a very large area, stretching from Foremost to north of Oyen.

With the recent municipal elections, the SLS Board of Trustees has changed considerably. The following are new Trustees: Wayne Daniels, County of Newell; Darren Hirsch, City of Medicine Hat; Dwight Nagel, Town of Redcliff; Gordon Reynolds, Town of Bow Island; Martin Shields, Town of Brooks; Vivian Wiebe, Village of Rosemary. These people join the following continuing members: Leif Andersen, Rosalie Stromsmoe, Dave Bahnmiller, Rudy Esau, Ann Kanig, Sherry Steinbach. We extend our thanks to the retiring Trustees for their contributions to the SLS family. Thank you to Anne Bernhardt, Kerry Crapo, Ed Moss, Kent Pickett, Harv Speers, Della Marie Woodruff. We welcome the newly appointed trustees to our Shortgrass family.

Our thanks to John Kozakewich from the Medicine Hat Public Library who once again put pen to paper and created our unique poem. Great job, John!

Thank you to everyone – staff, board members and all library supporters, who have worked hard this year to enhance our services to our patrons.

We wish you health, happiness and joy as you celebrate Christmas with your family, friends, and your Shortgrass family.

Best Wishes  
Leif Andersen  
Chair, SLS Board of Trustees

Harold Storlien  
CEO