

# RISE

Rural Information Services initiative

Chinook Arch Regional Library System  
Shortgrass Library System  
Marigold Library System



## The Rise Review

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Welcome! Welcome to the first issue of **The RISE Review** and welcome to the **RISE** project. Your **RISE** team is here to help, share ideas, and work with you as the project unfolds. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or comments you may have.



Your fellow pilot libraries:  
**Chinook Arch:** Claresholm, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Milo, Picture Butte, Stirling.  
**Marigold:** Airdrie, Drumheller, Hanna, Okotoks, Rockyford, Trochu.  
**Shortgrass:** Bow Island, Brooks, Foremost, Medicine Hat, Ralston, Redcliff.

### What's Happening?

The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been published and vendor proposals are due October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once the proposals are in, each will be evaluated against our preferred qualifications until a successful vendor is found. When the vendor has been chosen, our project is going to kick into high gear and we will prepare an implementation schedule

that will be shared with each of our pilot libraries. We are also hoping to get our pilot librarians together for a meeting either over the phone or via existing video conferencing equipment in the very near future to share ideas, get to know one another and to discuss what we do and do not know about video conferencing. **Look for this in early December!**

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## Idea Exchange

The question often comes up, 'what can I do with video conferencing?' and 'what will this bring to my library?' One of the best things about being in a partnership is being able to share ideas.

This will be an ongoing column in **The RISE Review** so please submit your ideas to any of your **RISE** consultants to be included in this list:

Appearing in court  
Babysitting courses  
Job interviews  
Canadian Space Agency

Story telling  
Adult learning  
Stamp collectors  
Firefighter training

Yoga sessions  
Home schooling  
Investment clubs  
Distance education

## Have Your Say!

**Milo Library - Joanne Monner** 403-599-3850 122 people

**Q:** Staff video conferencing experience?

**A:** *One staff member has some video conferencing experience.*

**Q:** Most exciting programming idea and community benefit?

**A:** *Incorporate county adult learning programs so that we are able to have community members participate here in Milo and not have to travel. This has truly created a paved highway in all directions.*

**Q:** Surprising programming ideas?

**A:** *Working with others internationally, e.g. the Chinese Agricultural Minister in Hanna.*

**Hanna Library – Mary McKay** 403-854-3865 2847 people

**Q:** Staff video conferencing experience?

**A:** *Mary recently used webcams and the free Skype service to do a videoconference presentation for the boards of 6 Special Area libraries. Earlier this summer Hanna, along with other locations, hosted an interactive kids' session with the Royal Tyrell Museum.*

**Q:** Most exciting programming idea and community benefit?

**A:** *Consulting with your doctor online to renew a prescription, meeting a Canadian astronaut, the Premier of Alberta, or having a well-known speaker deliver a seminar to patrons. The benefits in learning, sharing and saving travel time & money are obvious.*

**Q:** Surprising programming ideas?

**A:** *What's most surprising is the unlimited potential! Everywhere you look there are more possibilities.*

**Graham Community Library, Ralston – Stefanie Schranz** 403-544-3670 1750 people

**Q:** Staff video conferencing experience?

**A:** *There is a considerable amount of experience as the base uses videoconferencing to allow military personnel to keep in touch with their families.*

**Q:** Most exciting programming idea and community benefit?

**A:** *Connecting families and connecting cultures.*

**Q:** Surprising programming ideas?

**A:** *Programs that showcase Canada's military.*