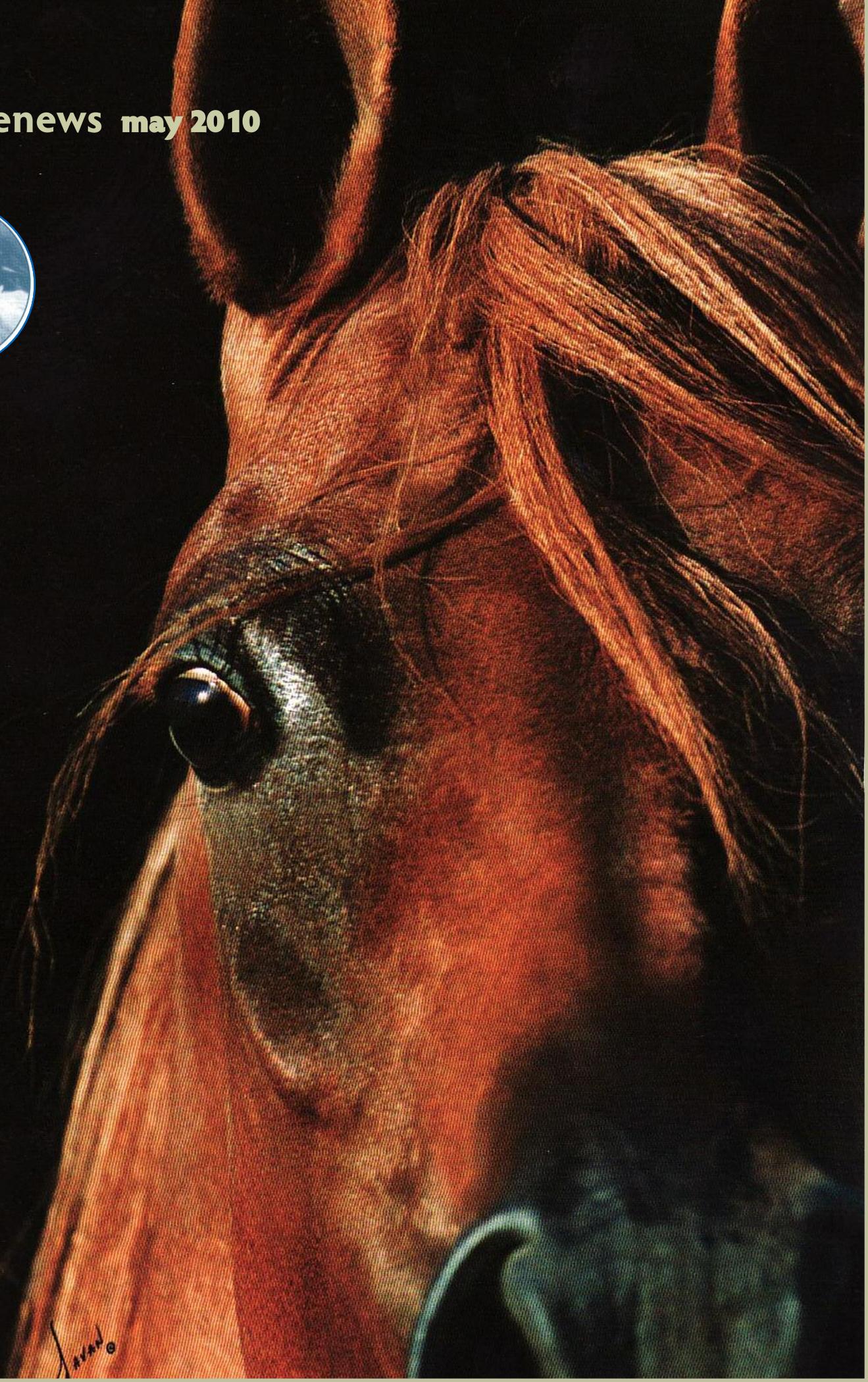


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## Important Dates

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#### For submissions to the Aurora news Newsletter

Gary Millar 780-992-0302

Email: [gary@millarcom.com](mailto:gary@millarcom.com)

The vision and mission of Aurora Arabian Horse Association:

*"To incite a passion to own and enjoy the Arabian horse by bringing a rich, life long experience to members through involvement with Arabians and Part Arabians and to encourage members to fully experience and enjoy Arabian and Part Arabian horses for recreation, sport and companionship"*

#### Aurora Arabian Horse Association

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Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A 5L7

## May Meeting Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010  
Salisbury Greenhouse  
7:30 start time

**Come and participate in the  
activities of the Aurora  
club**

Members and guests welcome.

[www.auroraarabianhorse.ab.ca](http://www.auroraarabianhorse.ab.ca)

**The 2010  
Region 17 Directories  
are now available!**

Directories will be available at  
the meeting on Monday or by  
calling president Dawn Hopkin  
780-998-1524

## Upcoming Events

### Aurora Summer Show and Region 6 Sport Horse Championship

June 11-13, 2010

at Amberlea Meadows

**Volunteers are required for the show.**

**Please contact Dawn Hopkin 780-998-1524 if you can lend a hand**

## The Aurora enews The newsletter for Aurora members

Welcome to the **AURORA news**, Aurora's newsletter. For information about the happenings within the club, within the region, within AHA and within the horse world, this **news** will attempt to keep you informed and up-to-date about the Arabian horse industry, what others are doing to enjoy their horses and handy tips to keep you learning and growing.

**We want to hear from you.** Please send us your comments, pictures and news ...

**Barn Talk information required...** let us know what's hapening around your barn

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Submissions for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of each month.

For more information on the Aurora e-news or to contribute, please contact Gary Millar (780-499-9219) or email [gary@millarcom.com](mailto:gary@millarcom.com)



## Minutes of the April meeting ...

**Aurora Meeting  
April 12, 2010  
Greenland Garden Center**

**7:30 Meeting Called to Order**

Carla motions to adopt minutes as read. Karen seconds. All in favor.

**Treasurers Report** – Kim not .

**Membership Report** – Jill not present

Adult 1 yr -103

Adult 3 yr – 32

Life – 1

Youth – 21

**Youth Report** – Terri Martin

Fun and Furry April 25, 2010

-all volunteers are organized

-will be an early-bird prize draw

-Youth Tournament Team – need to know names of kids, horses and disciplines (in by May 1)

**New Business**

Request from AHA for Convention Sponsorships (Convention in 2010 is non-hosted so AHA is soliciting clubs to offset expenses). Tabled until May meeting.

**Website**

Lori Fisher presented new website template.

Karen motioned to accept new design. Terri seconded. All in favor.

Discussed change in domain and cost estimate for upgrade.

**Region 17 High Point Winners**

Congratulations to Diane McGlaughin, Lorraine Prowse and Brandon Leubner

**Horse Showcase**

Sunday, May 30 – Aurora will have a table and possibly demo horse. To stable with Arabian Horse Literacy group (Gary Millar)

**Region 17 Spring Meeting**

Carla motioned for delegate reimbursement of \$300. Gary seconded. All in favor.

-Need volunteers for November 2010 meeting

**Show Update**

All judges hired (Christy Hart, Debbie Garcide -Aurora Sport Horse, Linda Dieno, Reg 6 Qual Sport Horse, Chris Collins- Reg 6 Offsite Championships)

Prizelist to be finalized and out soon

**8:55 Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting – May 10 at Salisbury Greenhouse (7:30 pm)**

### **Three Serious Equine Diseases ... All it takes is one bite!!**

*Don't put your horses at risk! As spring arrives, protect them against mosquito-borne diseases.*

*By Larry Frischke DVM, Pfizer Animal Health*

This spring, horse owners need to remain vigilant about West Nile Virus (WNV), but they also must not forget about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE)! These three viral diseases share much in common, in that they all are endemic neurologic diseases in which the virus is propagated in wild bird species and transmitted via mosquito vectors to the same terminal mammalian hosts, that being the horse and human. The symptoms created by these diseases are also similar, with all having significant mortality rates and often having permanent, residual neurologic deficits in those that survive. The viruses are different, however, each requiring their own vaccine to provide protection.

When I speak with horse owners about the threat posed by these three diseases, there are two distinct reactions. First, just the mention of West Nile Virus results in recognition and immediate concern. This is to be expected as horse owners are very aware of West Nile Virus because of its recent occurrence and the extensive publicity and public information that have surrounded it. However, bring up the names Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Western Equine Encephalitis and you will draw a blank look from most horse owners! This is to be expected as these diseases made their entrance into the equine world in Canada over eighty years ago and there was virtually no incidence for over twenty years, that is until the return of EEE in Eastern Canada in the early 90's at very low incidence, which escalated significantly in 2003, receded over the next five years, then escalated again in 2008 and 2009. (1) There still has been no recorded incidence of WEE in Western Canada but there has been a recent increase in the west central states where they consider it to be an evolving disease threat. This sporadic incidence is typical of endemic diseases with the epidemiology of these diseases.

Let's briefly review these three diseases. The transmission of WNV, EEE and WEE occurs via mosquitoes, which contract the virus by feeding on infected birds, then passing it on to another bird or to a mammalian host, for example, a horse. All three are neurologic diseases that incubate in the horse for one to three weeks before they can affect the central nervous system of the horse.

With WNV, the clinical course of the disease will progress from non specific signs such as fever, loss of appetite and depression to severe neurologic signs including incoordination, muscle fasciculations, grinding of the teeth, recumbency, possible convulsions and death. (2) With EEE and WEE, horses typically show fever, weakness, depression, walking in circles, grinding of the teeth and loss of appetite, which can progress to incoordination, recumbency and death. (3)

These diseases do vary in their degree of severity, with the mortality rate for WNV being approximately 30%, whereas WEE and EEE are in fact even deadlier, with mortality rates up to 50% and 90% respectively! (4) Should the horse recover, they are often left with residual neurologic deficits due to the damage the viruses have done to their nervous system, often rendering the horse unfit for its intended use prior to the disease. One study of WNV survivors showed that 40% of these horses were left with neurologic deficits! (5)

That's why horse owners should treat all three diseases as serious potential threats against which their horses should be vaccinated. In fact, as of January, 2008, the American Association of Equine Practitioners now classifies all three diseases as "core vaccines" that meaning they are vaccines that should be administered to all classes of horses. (6)

It has been thought by many that the risk of WNV, as well as EEE and WEE, has past and is of no further significance. We must remember that these are all endemic diseases and by their nature tend to be cyclic and very unpredictable. Typically, when an endemic disease virus enters a naive population, that initial year will be the epidemic year during which peak incidence will occur. The next few years will have reduced incidence, then there will be another epidemic, after which this wave pattern will continue on into the future. The initial epidemic years in most of Canada were 2002 and 2003 (British Columbia did not record any WNV incidence until 2009), with the subsequent epidemic occurring in 2007, at which time the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded incidence that exceeded the initial epidemic year, a phenomenon that has not occurred anywhere else in North America! The fact that wild bird populations are the reservoir and amplifier of the virus certainly tells us that these viruses are here to stay, then throw in the unpredictable nature of the weather and its impact on mosquito populations and you can see where it is virtually impossible to predict what the next year will bring! The mosquito that is the main culprit for transmission of WNV and WEE, *Culex tarsalis*, is a heat loving mosquito so a summer with higher than normal heat with reasonable amounts of rain is ideal to propagate numerous mosquito vectors! This fact helps to explain the impact that Climate Change can play in the impact of mosquito borne diseases as increased temperatures and length of the annual warm period will increase the geographical area and duration of mosquito activity. It has been recorded that WNV cases have occurred both earlier and later in the summer as well as further north than has been recorded for WEE. This would indicate that our risk of these mosquito borne diseases could escalate in the future.

As a veterinarian, I am often asked by horse owners whether it's truly necessary to vaccinate against diseases like WNV, EEE and WEE. My answer is an emphatic yes! My reasons are many, with the first being the fact that it is virtually impossible to control the risk of exposure to these diseases and the extent of the annual risk is also totally unpredictable so the logical solution is to protect your horse annually through vaccination. Next, these diseases can be very severe, requiring extensive, expensive treatments, the outcome of which can be very unpredictable and even if your horse should survive, it may not be the same horse you knew, due to residual neurologic deficits. The vaccines available to protect against these diseases generate a high level of protection, are very safe vaccines, have been well proven in the field and are a modest expense compared to the possible consequences.

All it takes is one bite! So why take the chance?

As summer approaches, so does the risk of disease for your horse. The year of 2007 was our last endemic peak, which occurred four years after the initial epidemic. Will 2010 be the next epidemic, and in the case of British Columbia, who recorded their first incidence in 2009, will this be your epidemic year? I urge you to speak with your veterinarian about spring vaccinations to help protect your horse from WNV, as well as EEE and WEE!

Here's wishing you a great summer with your equine partner and to good health in 2010!

## 2010 Schedule of Events

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| April 23-25 | Mane Event, Red Deer AB  |
| April 25    | <b>Aurora Youth Fun &amp; Furry Show</b> , Spoons Arabians,  |
| May 6-9     | Calgary AHA Spring Show, Olds AB   |
| May 13-16   | Western Breeders, Langley, BC  |
| May 21-23   | BCIAHA Arabian Encampment, Armstrong, BC   |
| May 21-24   | Westerner Spring Show, Red Deer AB   |
| May 30      | Horse Showcase, Fultonvale   |
| June 11-13  | <b>Aurora Summer Show &amp;<br/>Region 6 Sport Horse Championships</b><br>Amberlea Meadows         |
| June 22-26  | Region 6 Championships, Rapid City ND  |
| July 1      | Working Western Show, Ft. McLeod AB  |
| July 3-4    | Wildrose Arabian Horse Show, Amberlea Meadows  |
| July 6-10   | Region 5 Championships, Monroe WA  |
| July 9-11   | Parkland Summer Show, Red Deer AB  |
| July 18     | Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project<br>Fun in the Sun Community & All Breed Show,<br>Fultonvale |
| July 24-31  | Youth Nationals, Albuquerque NM  |
| Aug 3-8     | Region 17 Championships, Red Deer AB   |
| Aug 16-21   | Canadian Nationals, Regina SK  |
| Sept 21-25  | Sport Horse Nationals, Nampa ID  |
| Sept 25-26  | Calgary Youth & Amateur Show, Olds AB  |
| Oct 22-30   | US Nationals, Tulsa OK   |
| Nov 17-21   | AHA Convention, Orlando FL   |

**The Westerner/Parkland Prizelists** are online  
[www.showsecretary.ca](http://www.showsecretary.ca) or contact Darlene @ 4037843456 or  
[beakerbrouwer@hotmail.com](mailto:beakerbrouwer@hotmail.com)



**Aurora Arabian Horse Association**

## **Summer Show**

**June 11, 12 & 13, 2010**

**Amberlea Meadows**

**Featuring: Region 6 Sport Horse & Dressage  
Championship Show**

**Prize Lists and more information available soon!**

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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### Volunteer required ...

If you could help out at the Aurora Show on any of the three days, please contact  
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## Classified ads ...

**For Sale:** Beautiful western show vest, size XS, brandname In Your Wildest Dreams, worn 5 times, great colors! Carlyn 780-990-9544

**Training,** Michelle Collins (Zur) is currently accepting training horses for the 2009-2010 season. All breeds and levels welcome, full training or partial available. Please contact Michelle for more information 780-920-6381 or email at [michelle\\_shelby1@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_shelby1@hotmail.com)  
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### 7 Year old Half Arabian Gelding FOR SALE

This is a well trained horse that would be excellent for youth who may be interested in the show experience and/or casual riding.

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**For Sale: 2000 dark brown Whitman cutback saddle**; size 21, with a flat seat. In great shape and has been regularly cleaned and oiled. Asking \$800. Call Sandy at 780-998-2894 or e-mail (sltougas@yahoo.com).

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### **Volunteers required for Arabian Horse Reading Liteacy Project**

If you are comfortable around horses, enjoy children and would like to volunteer a couple of mornings in June, you can be a part of an innovative educational program, delivering the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project. It's fun ... it's interesting ... it's very satisfying!

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**“New Community Living Room”** – Strathcona County Library started its life in County Hall in 1977, has been a tenant in the Sherwood Park Mall since 1992, and after 32 years, the library will have its first permanent home back in the centre of the community. The library is about to double in size to 64,000 square feet in order to meet literacy and learning needs of Strathcona County residents for generations to come. On November 1, 2010, the new two-storey library will open in the Community Centre, Centre in the Park.

The new library will have something for the whole family. There will be room for visitors to have their special space depending on their needs, from quiet study areas to dynamic and interactive children’s areas, from a welcoming space for teens to hang out, to lots of cozy nooks for anyone to curl up with a good book. There will be an internet café, wireless Internet access throughout the facility, group meeting rooms that can be booked for group study, more program and public meeting rooms, a Career Centre to support employers and employees, and flexible spaces to meet the changing needs of our growing community. Hand-in-hand with increased space will be a bigger collection, newer and revitalized, with more books, DVDs, CDs, kits, and magazines, for all age groups. For more information about Naming Opportunities at the new library or to make a donation, please contact the library’s fund development coordinator, Glenda Sheard at 780 449-7331.

**Part of the Service, Part of the Community** – The Bookmobile, the traveling branch of Strathcona County Library, started providing library services to rural Strathcona County in January of 1982, just five years after Strathcona County Library opened its doors in Sherwood Park. The library’s second Bookmobile, purchased used in 1993, provided excellent service for many rural families, but fell short (as did its predecessor) providing accessibility to all county residents because of steep steps to get into the Bookmobile.

From concept to reality, our new Bookmobile has been a long time coming. It is just as we envisioned it – bright, open, warm and inviting. Add versatility and accessibility, and you have our new innovative Bookmobile!

**Truly accessible** – Strathcona County Library believes in universal accessibility for everyone, young and old. The new Bookmobile is built on a Nova LFS (low floor) chassis that provides a low entry for easy access, and a ramp to allow entry for strollers, scooters and wheelchairs.

**Accessible shelving** – Traditional bookmobiles use floor to ceiling shelving to carry a maximum amount of library materials. In the new Bookmobile, the books, CDs, and DVDs will be on easily accessible shelving and the plan is to turn over the inventory more often.

**Portable shelving** – This is an incredible innovation! Seven shelving units on wheels provide quick and easy changeover of library materials to provide the ultimate in flexibility. With these units, Bookmobile staff will be able to move from serving seniors to preschoolers in minutes by rolling in shelving units with different library books.

**Natural Light and Air** – Traditional bookmobiles lack windows. Our decision to keep shelves lower has the added advantage of keeping the top transom windows free to provide natural light and air flow. In addition, six solar panels make the Bookmobile self-sufficient during the day.

**No air conditioner** – We are using a combination of windows, reflective blinds, and a motorized roof vent to keep the interior of the Bookmobile cool.

The new Bookmobile is now on the road visiting 12 rural communities in Strathcona County.

For more information about Strathcona County Library or the Bookmobile, visit [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca) or call 780-449-5801.