

**Purpose:** The Medicine Hat Library Board will acquire its library resources in the most efficient, economical way possible.

1. To promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness, the preferred means of purchasing library resources is through the Shortgrass Library System.
2. Consortium purchasing opportunities through organizations like The Alberta Library, and joint purchasing with other libraries or systems, is supported to allow cost-effective purchasing of library resources.
3. All acquisitions will be made in accordance with the Resources Management Policy (LC.4).