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GPPL Invites Support for Little Free Pantry

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Giving Tuesday is a yearly, international movement empowering donors to give to the causes that matter to them. The Grande Prairie Public Library will be participating to raise funds for the Little Free Pantry.

"On Tuesday, November 29, we ask that donors consider the Grande Prairie Public Library and more importantly, the Little Free Pantry," says Tara Wiebe, Head of Customer Services at GPPL. The Little Free Pantry is a Library service that supports those in need. "We offer non-perishable items such as canned goods, individually packaged soups and puddings as well as hygiene items such as soap and deodorant," says Wiebe. "We're open daily and GPPL is a safe and convenient location for those that are in need of these items."

Those that use the Little Free Pantry may differ from those that use other community services. "We do serve groups such as the homeless, but there are others who use the Pantry," says Wiebe. "Families who need to supplement their children's lunches, seniors on a fixed income and teens that rely on the Pantry as well as programs at school. They are able to quickly and anonymously take what they need while using the many other free services offered by GPPL."

The shelves of the Pantry are replenished at least once per day in order to meet the needs of the community. "A donation of \$2000 will fund the Pantry for two months," says Wiebe. "The Little Free Pantry operates entirely by community support and we hope donations from Giving Tuesday will provide additional months of funding."

The Little Free Pantry has been at GPPL since 2020. During Giving Tuesday in 2021, donors contributed \$3,271. On Giving Tuesday, donations can be made through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/giv3/19765>

About the Grande Prairie Public Library

The Grande Prairie Public Library serves the City of Grande Prairie (one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, pop. 69,088), the County of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview. In 2021, 378,594 items were borrowed and 100,313 people visited GPPL, located in the Montrose Cultural Centre. For more information, call 780-532-3580 or visit us online at gppl.ca.