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GPPL Receives Grant from the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta

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The Grande Prairie Public Library has received \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta in support of the Library's Little Free Pantry.

"This generous contribution from The Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta will fund the Little Free Pantry well into 2022," says Tara Wiebe, Head of Customer Services. "Not only will the Pantry be stocked with necessities that are used year round, we will also be purchasing more expensive winter items such as blankets and gloves."

The grant comes from several funds managed by the CFNA, including the Sheehan Flint Family Fund, Vincent and Tracey Vavrek Family Fund and the Ainsworth Legacy Community Fund.

"We are proud to support this project through our Community Impact granting," states Laura LaValley, CEO of the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta. "Several of our fund holders contributed to this important project, recognizing that libraries serve so many needs of their patrons, including food security and belonging. We commend the Grande Prairie Public Library for their innovation and connection to our community!"

"The Grande Prairie Public Library appreciates the ongoing commitment of the CFNA to the Library and those we serve," declares Wiebe. "Without community support, we wouldn't be able to continue much needed services, such as the Pantry."

An initiative of GPPL, the Pantry is a collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries and is located within the Library. It is meant to supplement other programs in the community and is available to anyone in need.

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 2020, 309,007 items were borrowed and 106,393 people visited GPPL, located in the Montrose Cultural Centre. For more information, call 780-532-3580 or visit us online at gppl.ca.