



**GRANDE PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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## **GPPL Memberships Free in 2017**

### **For immediate release**

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The Grande Prairie Public Library will be eliminating membership fees beginning January 1, 2017 to ensure that all residents have access to GPPL's many resources.

"We've been working towards this for some time," says GPPL Board Chair Maura Good. "Alberta has been one of the only provinces to charge for library memberships. It's been a priority of the GPPL Board to ensure that our Library is free and open to all."

"A library card is a valuable tool," says Library Director, Maureen Curry. "It provides the user with learning opportunities, books, magazines, movies and other resources. We'd like to put those possibilities into the hands of every Grande Prairie resident."

In the current economic climate, libraries are essential to local families. "Many families are cutting back and we're able to offer free options such as digital magazines, the latest DVDs, eBooks, music, and Library programs for all ages," says Curry. "We're excited to be able to provide barrier-free access to these resources!"

GPPL staff will be visible throughout the community in January, providing opportunities to register for a free membership.

### **About the Grande Prairie Public Library**

GPPL has served Grande Prairie and area since 1939. It is the largest library north of Edmonton and is a resource centre for the Peace Country. Each year, close to 250,000 people visit the Library and borrow 460,000 items. For more information on the Grande Prairie Public Library, please visit [www.gppl.ca](http://www.gppl.ca) or call 780-532-3580.