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LibriCon Beams into the Library

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This Saturday, if you spot someone dressed as a character from *Pokémon* or the cast of *Game of Thrones*, it's not because Halloween has come early - LibriCon is here.

The Grande Prairie Public Library event draws inspiration from larger ComicCon events that celebrate mainstream pop culture including comics, movies, and science fiction and has grown from 400 participants in 2014 to close to 500 in 2015. Not only does the event showcase the movies, graphic novels and anime in the Library's collection, but it presents an opportunity for learning.

Participants are invited to participate in the trivia contest, game play, crafting and of course cosplay. "We expect a great response to the cosplay fashion show," says Charlotte Anderson, Emerging Technologies Librarian. "Anyone can do it and there are categories for different ages and expertise." Registrations will be accepted for the cosplay fashion show between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm during Saturday's event.

A highlight of LibriCon is a featured, pre-release movie. This year, that movie will be *Star Trek: Beyond*. "Star Trek has a large fan base in Grande Prairie and pretty much everywhere in the world," says Anderson. "It was one of the first fandoms and perfectly represents how people feel about their fan communities, making it an obvious choice for LibriCon." *Star Trek: Beyond* will play on the big screen in the Willie Janssen Discovery Room.

"GPPL's mandate is to enrich, inform and engage the community by providing resources that promote discovery, lifelong learning, and leisure pursuits," says Maureen Curry, Library Director. "This event does that and more. We are so proud of the creativity of our staff and thrilled to see how the community embraces LibriCon each year."

LibriCon is in its 3rd year and has received provincial recognition, with two awards at the Alberta Library Conference on May 1, 2015 in Jasper. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Grande Prairie Public Library is the largest 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 or call 780-532-3580.