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Bestselling Author to Attend LibriCon

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The Grande Prairie Public Library's award-winning LibriCon event is back. From the inaugural LibriCon in 2014, the event has become a local favourite, drawing inspiration from larger ComicCon events that celebrate mainstream pop culture including comics, movies, and science fiction.

"LibriCon highlights GPPL's collection," says Charlotte Anderson, Emerging Technologies Librarian. "From Doctor Who to Tokyo Ghoul, we have DVDs, graphic novels, eBooks, audiobooks and more for many fandoms." LibriCon also supports GPPL's current strategic plan. "LibriCon is also an event for families, which is one of our current goals," says Anderson.

Attending this year's event is Canadian young adult author E.K. Johnston. A New York Times bestselling author, her work includes *The Story of Owen* and *Star Wars: Ahsoka*. Johnston's 2015 title, *A Thousand Nights*, was shortlisted for The Governor General's Award. Her new Padmé Amidala book, *Queen's Shadow* is due to be released in 2019.

"E.K. Johnston will be joining us during LibriCon for a panel from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Teresa Sargent Hall and will also have a table with us in the vendor hall from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm," says Anderson. Other guests include Edmonton-based cosplayer Cosplay Bug sharing her tips for successful cosplay and the 501st Badlands Garrison, local Star Wars stormtroopers.

"LibriCon is free for all ages with activities from crafts and colouring, to tabletop gaming and Pokémon," says Anderson. "We invite the community to visit us on Saturday and spend the day." LibriCon will be at the Grande Prairie Public Library, located in the Montrose Cultural Centre, on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

LibriCon has been awarded the Punch Jackson Award of Excellence in Library Service, given by the Library Association of Alberta, and the 2015 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service, presented by Alberta Municipal Affairs. For more information on the Grande Prairie Public Library and LibriCon, please visit www.gppl.ca or call 780-532-3580.