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## GPPL Opens Express Library

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The Grande Prairie Public Library will be re-opening as part of Stage 2 of the Province's Relaunch Strategy. The first step in this process, GPPL Express, will open on Thursday, July 2.

GPPL Express will be housed in the Library's Rotary Community Room and will provide services on a smaller scale. The collection will feature familiar materials such as Blu-ray, Most Wanted, and bestsellers, as well as new and in-demand materials from across the Library.

"This is a natural progression," says Library Director, Deb Cryderman. "We've been offering Curbside Pickup since March, but a library is a meeting place. The community has reached out to let us know that they've missed us and we're excited to be able to welcome them back."

GPPL Express will provide the level of service that Library patrons have come to expect while ensuring safety for all. "We'll be allowing a set number of patrons into GPPL Express at a time, based on the Province's regulations," says Cryderman. "Returned items will be quarantined, social distancing will be maintained and we will provide the safest environment possible."

Although services such as public computers and in-person programs will not yet be available, Library users can browse GPPL Express, collect their holds, sign up for memberships, attend online programs with GPPL Virtually Anywhere and request items from the larger collection. GPPL's Curbside Pickup will also continue. Library users are invited to place items on hold and then call to arrange for a pickup time. Staff will bring the materials out to one of the designated spots and place them in the backseat or trunk of the waiting vehicle.

GPPL Express will be open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am will be set aside for seniors and those that may need extra time and assistance.

For more information, visit [gppl.ca](http://gppl.ca) or call 780-532-3580

### **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). 430,409 items were borrowed in 2019 and 235,771 people visited GPPL, located in the Montrose Cultural Centre. For more information, call 780-532-3580 or visit us online at [gppl.ca](http://gppl.ca).