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Library Director Wins Provincial Honours

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On April 21, Grande Prairie Public Library Director Maureen Curry received the Pat Jobb Service Award, from The Alberta Library (TAL).

The Pat Jobb Service Award recognizes outstanding service and significant contribution to Alberta's library community. The award acknowledges the legacy of Pat Jobb, who played a leading role in the creation of The Alberta Library and was an Honorary Life Member of the organization. She passed away in 2012. The award has special significance to the local library community, as Pat Jobb was the Director of the Peace Library System from 1989 to 1995.

Recipients of the Pat Jobb Service Award demonstrate support for TAL's mission of strengthening communities through collaboration. Maureen and her staff have expanded the number of local partnerships with GPPL and have implemented innovative programs such as device bars, robotics, and other initiatives in response to a growing and changing demographic. She also successfully championed the permanent removal of membership fees for Grande Prairie residents.

Maureen Curry has been the Director of the Grande Prairie Public Library since 2013. Prior to GPPL, Curry worked with the Okanagan Regional Library in reference services and children's programs before becoming the Head Librarian at the Vernon Branch in 2005.

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. 68,000) and is the Resource Centre for the Peace Library System. In 2016, GPPL circulated over 528,000 items.

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