



2012 Annual Report

Community

The Library is the heart of the community. It is a place to gain knowledge, regardless of age and walk of life. It is a gathering place to meet with friends and colleagues or pass an afternoon with a good book. Grande Prairie has embraced its Library and without this support, the Library would not be able to offer the extensive programs and services needed by the



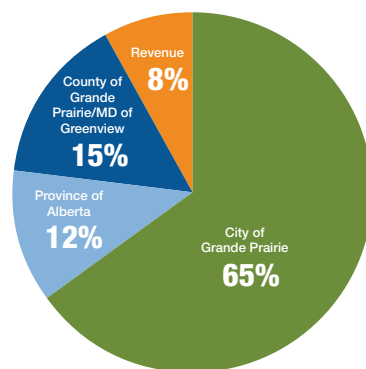
community. To all of the volunteers, donors and those who support our fundraising events, we are grateful and look forward to partnering with you in 2013.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

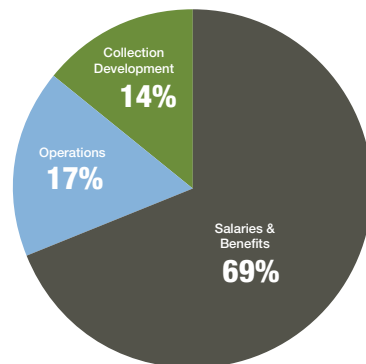
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Library Financials

2012 Funding Sources



2012 Expenditures



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From the Library Board

Grande Prairie Public Library continues to grow both in the number of members that we serve and in the amount of diverse programs that we provide. Our commitment to serving the information and leisure needs of Grande Prairie is unwavering, and we are continually on the lookout for opportunities to deliver services in new and more effective ways. The development of our new multi-purpose room, which will begin this year, is an exciting step towards an even greater range of programming.

2012 was a year of change for our organization. Our vacant director position was filled temporarily by Pam Chislett, whose performance was exemplary. As she now enjoys a well deserved retirement, the board of GPPL is thankful to her for keeping us on track while we performed an exhaustive search for the right candidate. Fortunately, her efforts were not in vain as we hired our new Director, Maureen Curry, from Vernon, BC. Ms. Curry's track record of community outreach and sound management have already made a great impression on the staff and board of our library, and we are excited to see what changes she will deliver during her tenure.



GPPL Board Chair, Wade Nellis

Our board has changed as well. We have said farewell to long time member Dave Storey, and hello to two new trustees, Shirley Suecroft and Nevin Bakir. We are very happy to have them and look forward to their contributions.

As we continue to update and refine our services, we at the GPPL hope that if you are a member, we are meeting or exceeding your expectations. If you are not a member, come down and experience our library for yourself! There is truly something for everyone.

Wade Nellis
Board Chair

From the Library Director

2012 was a year of change and adjustment for the Library. The departure mid-year of two Senior Management members, followed by a period of transition, required the staff to adjust to change. A new Director, Maureen Curry, was hired in mid-December and took up her duties on January 2, 2013.



Deputy Director Pam Chislett & Director Maureen Curry

The Library was honored to be recognized for two exciting achievements in 2012. Our staff enthusiastically participated in and won The Alberta Library's Mango Mania contest, incorporating promotion for Mango in the Library's existing programs and utilizing social media to encourage use of the language learning software. We received a Galaxy tablet plus several Lonely Planet travel guides as a result of our win.

Locally, the Lifelong Learning Council awarded the Library a Love of Learning Award for its activities as a Community Partner in Literacy and Learning.

2012 was not without its sadness. Donna Tink, a lifelong library user and supporter of the Friends of the Library passed away in late December. Donna supported the Library in a variety of ways in her lifetime and it was enriched as a result of her efforts.

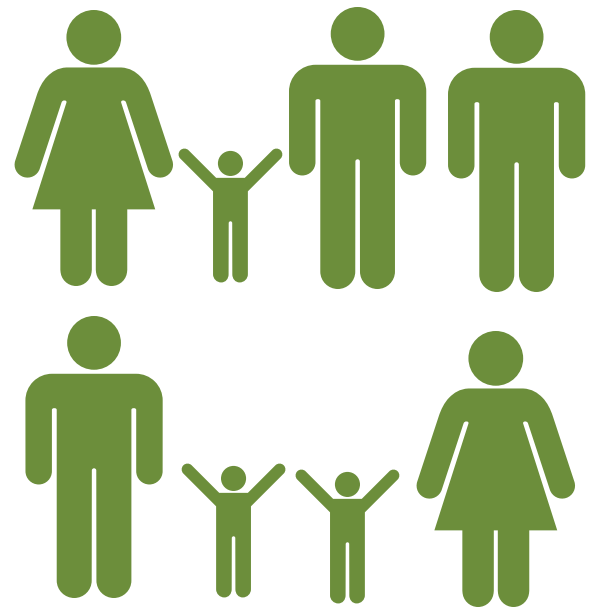
The year in figures looks very healthy. Our circulation remained above the 1/2 million mark at over 507,000 items. Our number of members was a very strong 12,797. The number of programs increased by 28% with attendance by over 11,800 people. When measuring against our Strategic Plan 2011-2014, we are right on track to fulfilling our goals and objectives.

Our relationship with the Peace Library System continues to thrive. The Library is the resource sharing centre for the region and continues to provide reference and interlibrary loan service to our partner libraries.

The Grande Prairie Public Library continues to be one of the most popular City facilities, with over 241,000 visits in 2012. With the support of its members, as well as municipal, regional and provincial governments, the staff and Board look forward to a successful 2013.

Pam Chislett
Interim Library Director

At the Library in 2012



The Library was visited
241,662 times.



The Library has
12,797 members.



The Library's collection
contains 150,662 items
including books, magazines,
toys, DVDs, Blu-ray, CDs,
eBooks and eAudiobooks.

507,467 items were circulated at the
Grande Prairie Public Library in 2012.
65,835 items from our collection were
lent to customers at other libraries.



157 adults, 12 teens and 272 children
participated in Summer Reading programs
at the Library.



Library
members
checked out
15,386
eBooks &
eAudiobooks.



The Library's free
public computers
were used 55,139
times



Our website at
www.gppl.ab.ca
was visited 131,857
times.

Library program
attendance
increased

17%

in
2012

170 volunteers donated 2315
hours at the Library.

