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GPPL Launches Fundraising Drive for Little Free Pantry

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On Tuesday, November 30, also known as Giving Tuesday, the Grande Prairie Public Library will be raising funds for the Little Free Pantry. An initiative of GPPL, the Pantry is a collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries and is located within the Library. Items in the Little Free Pantry are available to anyone in need.

"The Little Free Pantry is our way of supplementing the Salvation Army Food Bank and hamper programs for those who need a little extra help," says Tara Wiebe, Head of Customer Services. "The Pantry is open to everyone, from those looking for a meal, to anyone who is in need of something while they browse."

Giving Tuesday is a worldwide philanthropy day that follows Black Friday. "Our goal for Giving Tuesday is to raise \$2,000," says Wiebe. "This amount will allow us to fund the Pantry for two months."

"As food insecurity has grown during the pandemic, the Library has become a conduit between the community and those in need," says Deb Cryderman, Director. "Through partnership with the community, we help protect the most vulnerable members of our society. This program is operating entirely on donations and grants. It is community driven because this community cares."

Giving Tuesday donations can be made online through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/giv3/19765> or in person at the GPPL Customer Service Desk.

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), the County of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview. In 2020, 309,007 items were borrowed and 106,393 people visited GPPL, located in the Montrose Cultural Centre. For more information, call 780-532-3580 or visit us online at gppl.ca.