



GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026 Operational Funding Request



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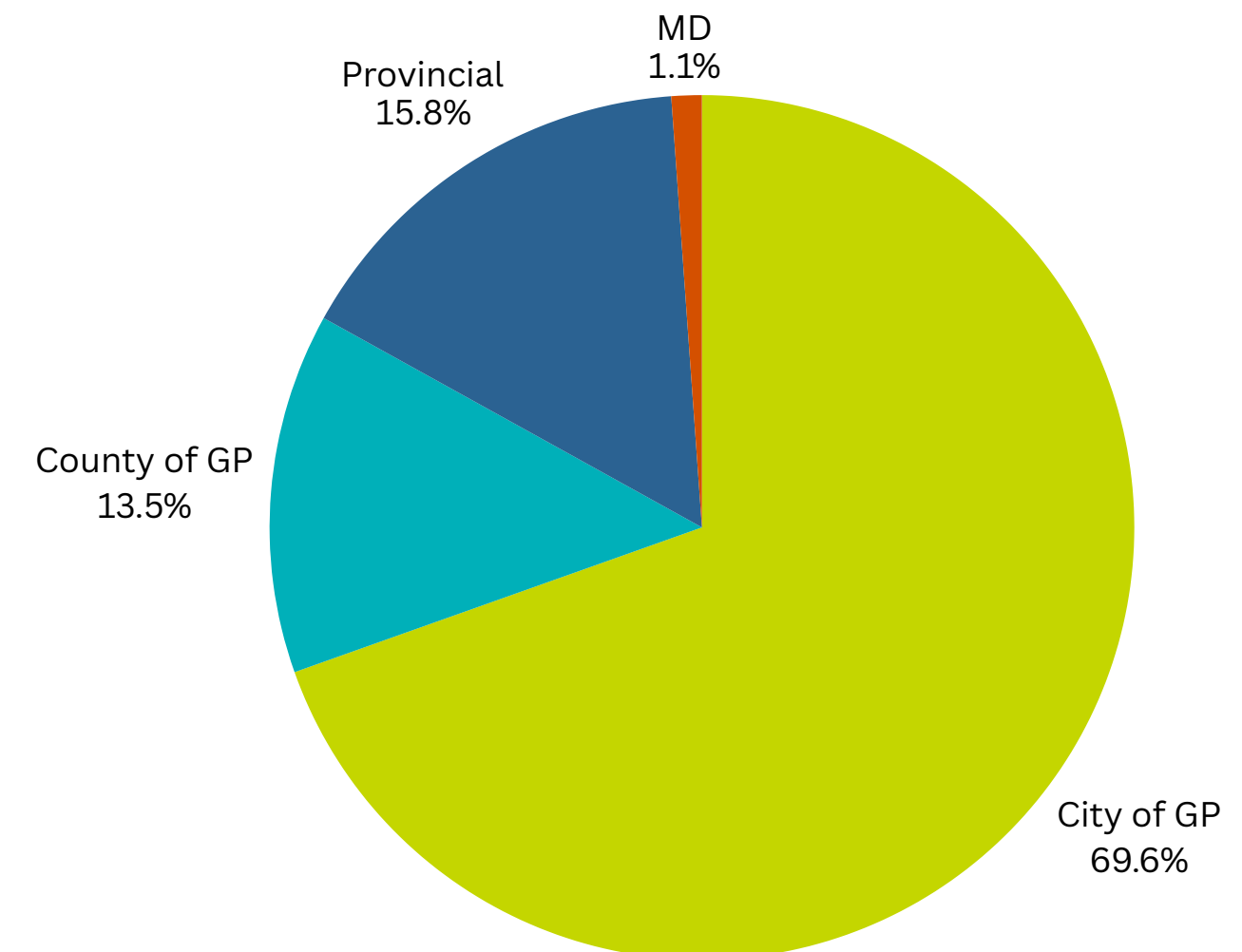


Background

2025 Funding Breakdown



- Received **stable** funding from the City of Grande Prairie, the Government of Alberta, and the MD of Greenview
- Received **3% increase** in County funding
- **\$60,000** in revenue generated as of mid-year





Background

2025 Funding Improvements

- **Restructured pay grid to align with other midsize libraries in Alberta**
- **Continuation of expanded Sunday hours**
- **Hiring more part-time staff**
- **Plan of Service Development**



Puzzle Race Program



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The Ask

0% increase

\$1,756,755



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The Why

- **We received a 5% increase in 2024 and are able to maintain our current level of service with stable municipal funding**
- **The development of 2026 - 2030 Plan of Service will inform future direction and where funding is most needed**
- **Difficult fiscal time for municipalities**



Baby Rave Program



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Direction Forward

- **Maintaining collections, programming, and IT budget**
- **Implementation of 2026 - 2030 Plan of Service**
- **Continued collaboration with City and community presence**



Giving a Tour to Special Olympics Athletes



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Questions?



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Pocket Library at the Eastlink Centre



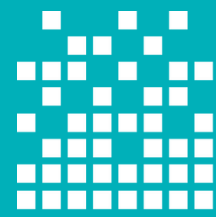
What is a Pocket Library?

The Concept

- A smaller, strategically located service point that offers browsable collections, holds pickup, and library programs in community spaces
- A growing trend in Canada to broaden public access to core library services in a cost-effective way
- Currently available in:
 - Red Deer (Collicutt Centre)
 - Medicine Hat (Big Marble Go Centre)
 - Calgary (Rocky Ridge - Shane Homes YMCA)



Red Deer Public Library's self-serve, pop-up branch, housed in the Collicutt Centre.



Eastlink Centre

The Opportunity

- **Implementing library services within an existing municipal facility offers a high-impact, low-barrier way to meet our community's evolving needs**
- **Key benefits include:**
 - **Improving geographic access to library services**
 - **Engaging a new and diverse user base**
 - **Creating a welcoming “third space” within the Eastlink Centre**
 - **Piloting expanded services through a flexible, scalable model to inform future decisions around a second branch**



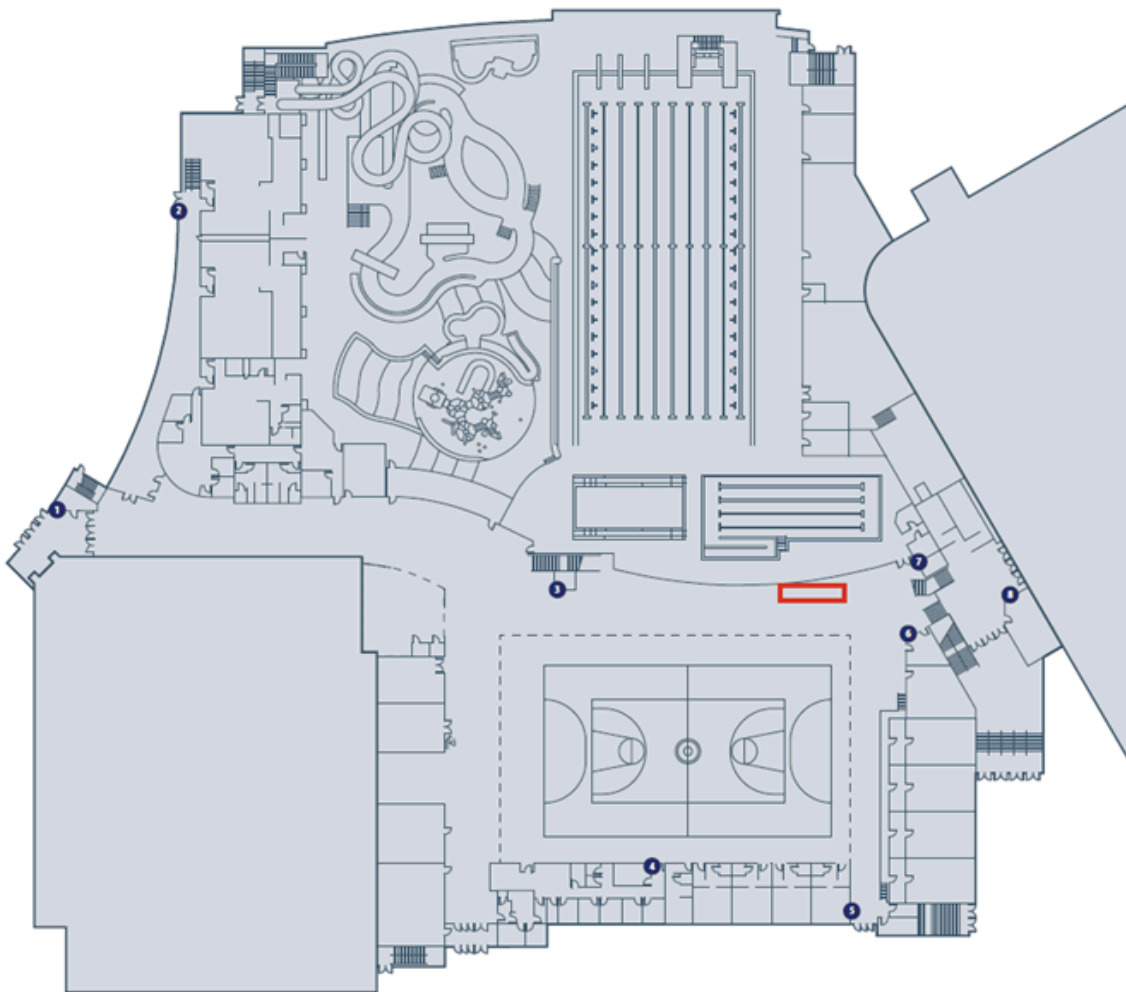
Book drop at the Collicutt Pop Up Library



Eastlink Centre

The Advantages

 Community Knowledge Campus Wayfinding | Emergency Exit Plan
Eastlink Centre Floor 1



The proposed area for the Pocket Library, outlined in red on the map.

The proposed location for the Pocket Library has the following advantages:

- **Proximity to the Second Cup Café**
 - Enhances the space's cozy, welcoming atmosphere by having food and beverages nearby
- **Natural Light**
 - Existing glass windows on one side help create an open, inviting feel that aligns with the hydrotherapeutic atmosphere
- **High Visibility**
 - Located in a high-traffic area that promotes natural oversight and a sense of safety
- **Main Floor Accessibility**
 - Easily accessible for all users, with no stairs or elevators required



Staffing

The People

- **Would operate primarily as a self-serve branch**
- **Library staff would visit regularly to complete essential regular tasks**
- **Potential partnership with nearby schools to offer student volunteer opportunities**
- **Estimated annual staffing cost: \$15,678.00**



Setup of the Rocky Ridge Express Library in Calgary



Capital Budget Request

The Ask

- **Total estimated cost: \$130,000**
- **Potential gift-in-kind contributions:**
 - **Leasing of space**
 - **Security**
 - **Custodial**
- **Additional funding sources to explore:**
 - **Sponsorship opportunities**
 - **CFEP grant**
 - **Champions of GPPL**



The Micro Library at the Big Marble Go Centre in Medicine Hat



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