
MPL Unveils 'Medicines': An Inspiring Mural by Indigenous Artist Cassandra Bomberry in Celebration of National Indigenous History Month

In celebration of National Indigenous History Month, Milton Public Library will be hosting a special unveiling of 'Medicines', a beautiful four-panel mural painted by local Indigenous artist Cassandra Bomberry on **Thursday, June 1st at 2pm at Beaty branch**.

Mayor Krantz and Town Council will be on hand to unveil the mural and Cassandra, a Kanien'kehá:ka artist from the Six Nations of the Grand River Reservation, will speak about her inspiration for the piece. The mural will be permanently displayed at Beaty branch in the grand entrance.

"Medicines is inspired by the medicines planted in the library's garden and the plants surrounding the area. Growing up, I was thankful to be surrounded by nature and grateful for its power to uplift my spirits. I wanted this mural to create that same sense of positivity and wellbeing for the visitors of this library. In the same way books can educate us, the natural world has an abundance of knowledge for us to learn from. I hope to honour nature with this painting and remind us of the important relationship we have with the natural world", shares Cassandra.

"The mural at the Milton Public Library painted by local Indigenous artist Cassandra Bomberry has done a beautiful job of bringing Indigenous heritage into the MPL and the local community. I am very pleased that the Government of Canada supports initiatives like these that promote healthy and connected communities and Indigenous history. Thank you to Cassandra Bomberry, Grandmother's Voice, and MPL for your work in making Beaty branch an enjoyable and inclusive environment for everyone," shares MP Adam van Koeverden.

Milton Public Library was the proud recipient of a \$50,000 grant in 2022 from the Government of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative. Partnering with local Indigenous organization Grandmother's Voice, MPL is working to bring new life to Beaty branch and inspire a more inclusive, inviting, and vibrant community space, both indoors and out, centered around the Indigenous ways of knowing about the land, plants, and medicines. The mural was commissioned by the Milton Public Library as part of this initiative.

Beaty branch:

945 Forth Line, Milton

About MPL:

Serving one of the fastest-growing municipalities in North America, Milton Public Library (MPL) is a multi-award winning public library focused on innovation and service excellence. The Library's updated service delivery model is founded on community-led concepts and partnerships and has been highly effective, to the point that MPL now has the highest rate of active cardholders of any large Canadian Library.

MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Create. Connect. and **Be Inspired** by all MPL has to offer.

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