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Academy® Award-Winning Screenwriter and Acclaimed Director and Actor, Sarah Polley, Eagerly Anticipated in Milton, Thursday, October 26th at 7pm

Milton Public Library is thrilled to host Academy® Award-winning screenwriter and acclaimed actor and director, **Sarah Polley on Thursday, October 26th at 7pm** at the **First Ontario Arts Centre** for a special 2023 **One Book, One Milton** event.

Sarah will take the stage to discuss her #1 National Bestseller, *Run Towards the Danger*, **Thursday October 26th at 7pm** at the First Ontario Arts Centre. *Run Towards the Danger*, a collection of six essays capturing pieces of Sarah's life as she remembers it, explores memory and the dialogue between her past and present. The book is the winner of the 2022 Toronto Book Awards, a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice and was named a most-anticipated book of 2022 by Entertainment Weekly, Lit Hub and AV Club.

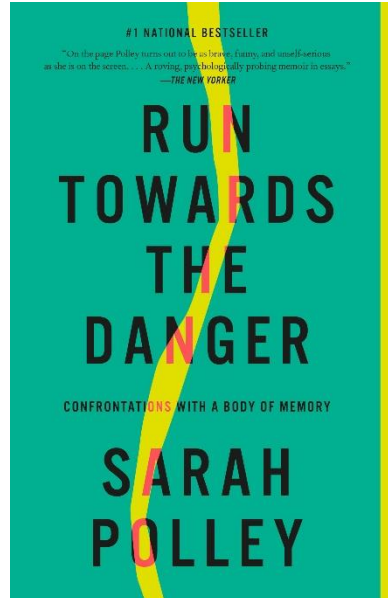
Sarah Polley is the Academy® Award-winning screenwriter of *Women Talking* (2022), an Academy® Award-nominated director, and actor. After making short films, Polley made her feature-length directorial debut with the drama film *Away from Her* in 2006. Polley received an Oscar nomination for the screenplay, which she adapted from the Alice Munro story "The Bear Came Over the Mountain." Her other projects include the documentary film *Stories We Tell* (2012), which won the New York Film Critics Circle prize and the National Board of Review award for best documentary; the miniseries adaptation of Margaret Atwood's novel *Alias Grace* (2017); and the romantic comedy *Take This Waltz* (2011). Polley's film adaptation of *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews received her first Oscar® for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2023. Polley began her acting career as a child, starring in many productions for film and television.

"We are excited to host Oscar Winner Sarah Polley and engage in meaningful discussions about her work. I can't thank her enough for bringing Milton together and working with us to promote literacy, education and a sense of community among our readers," shares Kanta Kapoor, Interim CEO.

Tickets will be available first for library patrons starting **June 5** and to the general public on **June 15**. Members of the community who live, work or study in Milton can get a free library card in-person at any branch or online. Tickets for the event will be \$20 per person or \$35 for a ticket + book combo. Books will be for sale for \$20 each or for free to borrow digitally or in physical copy at all branches. Visit **onebookonemilton.ca** for more information on the exclusive

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evening and our much anticipated guest of honour. Discounted copies of the book will be available for sale at all Milton Public Library branches (Main Library, Beaty branch and Sherwood branch) as well as at the main event.



About One Book, One Milton:

One Book, One Milton is a community-wide program that is designed to encourage everyone in Milton to read the same book. One Book, One Milton engages the community through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book: its contents, themes and relevance, as it relates to the Milton community. Past authors have included Mark Critch, Kelley Armstrong, Jagmeet Singh, Samra Habib, Margaret Atwood, Chris Hadfield, Yann Martel, Neil Pasricha and Don Gillmor.

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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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