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Get your Summer Read On at MPL this Summer Saturday, June 24, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Summer is around the corner and Milton Public Library is once again welcoming children, teens, and their families to ‘get their summer read on’ by registering for the **2023 TD Summer Reading Club**, Canada’s largest summer reading program for kids of all ages and abilities. Join in on the fun during the exciting launch event **Saturday, June 24 from 1:30 – 3:30pm** at the Main Library.

Beginning Saturday, June 24 and throughout the summer, children and teens are encouraged to register free-of-charge for the [TD Summer Reading Club](#) online or at any library location. Participants will use the Beanstack app to log their reading and to earn ballots for prize draws for each full hour of completed reading and activities. Festivities at Main Library, 1010 Main Street East on Saturday June 24, will include fun activities and crafts, a scavenger hunt, a tour of a Milton Transit bus and so much more!

“Let us savour the magic of storytelling, embrace the power of books, and make this summer a time of wonder, inspiration, and endless possibilities,” shares Interim Chief Librarian, Kanta Kapoor.

Milton Public Library is one of more than 2,000 public libraries across Canada participating in the TD Summer Reading Club, helping to increase youth literacy. Various studies show children who participate in summer reading clubs maintain their reading level, whereas children who do not read over the summer may suffer from what’s called “summer slide”. Summer slide is the term given to the loss of academic skills and knowledge that can occur over the course of the summer holidays. This loss is cumulative and children who do not read throughout the summer can be up to two years behind by the time they reach Grade 6. The TD Summer Reading Club is a great way to keep children reading and on the path to learning.

Also taking place on June 24, Milton Public Library and Milton Transit are kicking off the **Read and Ride program** at Main Library with Mayor Krantz at 2pm. MP Adam van Koeverden will also be in attendance. Children and teens, 16 years of age and younger, are encouraged to travel to and from the Library for summer reading programs and materials and all around town using environmentally-friendly conventional Milton Transit. The Read and Ride Program runs from **June 24 to September 2, 2023**; participants ride for free by showing their Library card with a valid Read and Ride sticker on it. Stickers are available at all MPL branches beginning June 24.

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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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