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Eleanor Wachtel Named Host for MPL's Sold Out 2023 One Book, One Milton Event with Sarah Polley

Milton Public Library is thrilled to announce that **Eleanor Wachtel** will be hosting its One Book, One Milton event with **Sarah Polley** on **Thursday, October 26th at 7pm** at the **First Ontario Arts Centre**.

Eleanor Wachtel has earned a reputation as one of the world's best literary interviewers during her more than 30 years as host of *Writers & Company* on CBC Radio. Five books of her interviews have been published, including *Random Illuminations*, a collection of reflections, correspondence and conversations with Carol Shields which won the Independent Publisher Book Award; *Original Minds*; and most recently, *The Best of Writers & Company*.

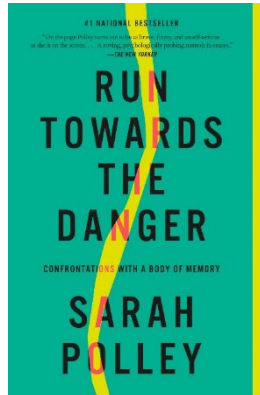
Eleanor also co-founded and hosted CBC's *Wachtel on the Arts*, featuring conversations with filmmakers, composers, architects, artists, etc., as well as the Toronto International Film Festival's (TIFF) popular Books on Film series for more than a decade. She has received numerous accolades for her contributions to Canadian cultural life: nine honorary degrees and Officer of the Order of Canada. Eleanor was recently named chair of the jury for the International Booker Prize 2024.

Tickets to the event sold out quickly this summer with the Milton community eager to see Sarah take the stage to discuss her #1 National Bestseller, *Run Towards the Danger*, this October. *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. The event will be hosted by Eleanor Wachtel and the captivating pair are expected to deliver an entertaining evening.

Although the event is sold out, pairs of tickets are available to win through MPL's [Run Towards the Danger contest](#) until the end of August and Trivia Tuesdays on their [Facebook page](#) until October 10th.

Since August of this year, Milton Public Library has found unique and creative ways to bring the community together through a shared reading experience. *Run Towards the Danger* was used as the basis for all One Book, One Milton events and the full list of upcoming programs can be found [here](#).

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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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