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## Milton Public Library Awarded New Horizons For Seniors Grant 2024

MILTON, ON – Milton, Canada – May 1st, 2024 - Milton Public Library (MPL) has been awarded the prestigious New Horizon for Seniors Grant 2024 for its innovative project, "Engaging Senior Artists." The new grant is a continuation of the series of grants MPL has received from the New Horizon for Seniors Program.

The latest grant will enable MPL to launch an inspiring initiative aimed at empowering senior citizens through the transformative power of visual arts. This recognition comes following MPL's successful completion of a ground-breaking 'The Seniors Translation for Newcomers' project through the New Horizons for Seniors Grant 2023, where seniors from diverse backgrounds collaborated to translate library materials, enhancing accessibility and inclusivity for all members of our community.

The "Engaging Senior Artists" project, will provide senior artists in our community with opportunities to express themselves, share their wisdom, and contribute to the cultural enrichment of Milton. The project will include a series of workshops, artist talks, drop-in sharing events, and public exhibitions, allowing senior artists to showcase their talents and connect with the broader community.

As part of the project, MPL will collaborate with local senior artists and engage them as mentors and leaders. Seniors will actively participate in the planning, development, and implementation of the project, ensuring that their voices are heard and their skills are valued. Through these collaborative efforts, MPL aims to reduce social isolation among seniors, promote lifelong learning, and foster a sense of belonging within our community.

## **Call for Applications: Artist in Residence**

Milton Public Library is also inviting applications for the position of Artist in Residence as part of the "Engaging Senior Artists" project. The Artist in Residence will work closely with senior artists to facilitate workshops, mentorship sessions, and public exhibitions. This is a unique opportunity for experienced artists to make a meaningful impact in our community while collaborating with talented senior artists.

Interested applicants can apply online through the following link:

https://beinspired.libwizard.com/f/Artist\_in\_Residence\_Application

## 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. Patrons can visit MPL through three physical branches, Main, Beaty and Sherwood as well as online through <u>www.beinspired.ca</u>. MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Create. Connect.

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