



News release

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Milton Public Library Announces the Launch of Read and Ride Program, TD Summer Reading Club and Summer Giving Campaign

Milton, ON - This summer, Milton Public Library is delighted to announce a trio of engaging initiatives from **June 22** designed to enrich the community's youth: the annual **Read and Ride program** in partnership with Milton Transit, the **TD Summer Reading Club**, and the **Summer Giving Campaign**. These programs aim to promote literacy, community involvement, and accessible transportation throughout the summer months.

Starting June 22, the Read and Ride program, a collaborative effort between Milton Transit and the Milton Public Library, offers **free transit rides** to youth aged 16 and under. Participants need to show a validated Milton Public Library card to the bus driver upon boarding. **Free transit validation stickers** will be available at all Milton Public Library branches from June 22.

Concurrently, the Milton Public Library will launch the TD Summer Reading Club, **Canada's largest bilingual summer reading program**. This year's theme, "**To the Stars**," invites young readers to embark on an interstellar journey through reading. Participants can join the TD Summer Reading Club by using Beanstack to receive a digital notebook and web access code, enhancing their online experience with book reviews, jokes, and interactions with peers across Canada.

In partnership with the MCRC, the Summer Giving Campaign also commences on June 22. This initiative supports the Infant Food Bank and encourages library patrons to donate high-demand items like baby food and diapers. Participants of the Summer Giving Campaign can earn weekly entry codes for **prize draws** by making qualified donations at any library branch, promoting community support and engagement.

The launch event will take place on **June 22, 2024, from 1:15 PM to 4:00 PM** at the **Main Library, located at 1010 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario**. Mayor Gordon Krantz will be present for opening remarks and the ribbon cutting to officially announce the program and activities. The activities for the day will commence from **1:30 PM** including both outdoor and indoor games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and various information booths for TD Summer Reading Club.

Quotes

"The Read and Ride program, along with the TD Summer Reading Club and the Summer Giving Campaign, collectively exemplify our commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and community access for our younger residents. By merging the resources of the Milton Public Library with free transit, and providing engaging reading and giving opportunities, we empower our youth to explore, grow, and contribute positively to our community all summer long."

- Sarah Douglas- Murray
CEO/ Chief Librarian, Milton Public Library

"With every passing summer, the Read and Ride program continues to grow more popular with the youth in our community. The program provides youth the opportunity to explore the Town while taking advantage of the many programs and resources offered by the Milton Public Library."

- Tony D'Alessandro
Director, Milton Transit

"The Summer Giving Campaign, in partnership with Milton Public Library, directly supports local families through the Infant Food Bank. This initiative is crucial for fostering community support and ensuring food security in Halton, enhancing our collective impact on the well-being of our community."

- Becky Andrade
Executive Director, MCRC

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