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Winter 2024



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March Break Programs for Children & Youth

New! Baby Bee's First Reads Program

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Children's Programs

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with author Catherine Little

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Sherwood)

Join us as we welcome local author Catherine Little as she shares her picture books, *Twelve in a Race* and *Dragon's Dilemma*, which tell the origin of the Chinese Zodiac, in preparation for the upcoming Lunar New Year (February 10).



Family Storytime with Lana Button

Saturday, January 27, 10:15 am (Main) & 11:15 am (Sherwood)

Join children's author and entertainer Lana Button for a fun Family Literacy Day celebration! We will enjoy songs and stories celebrating families, featuring Lana's new book *STAY MY BABY* (Orca Books).

Cuban and Brazilian Drumming and Dance Workshop

Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Main)

In celebration of Black History Month we invite children and families to join us at Main Library, for a lively drumming and dance program featuring the music of Cuba and Brazil. Led by Rumberos Drums.



Carnival Storytime and Steelpans

Saturday, February 24, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Sherwood)

Join local author Yolanda T. Marshall, and musician Suzette Vidale, for an afternoon of interactive storytelling through children's picture books and music in celebration of Black History Month. Yolanda will read her books about Canada's Caribbean carnival and Suzette will play the lively sounds of the carnival on her steelpans.



Join these programs and more this winter!

Jan 13

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Main Library

Winter Scavenger Hunt with Ozobots (For ages 7 - 9)

Code your way through a winter blizzard to grab each winter item on your list using our Ozobots!

Wednesdays

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Main Library

I Survived.....at the Library! (For ages 7 - 10)

Participants in this four week program will have the opportunity to test their skills and knowledge to see if they can survive natural disasters and major events experienced in time.

Mondays

Jan 15, 22, 29, Feb 5
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Main Library

Hour of Code (For ages 7 - 9 years)

Participants will learn and practice coding skills to move through the levels of each weeks coding activity.

Tuesdays

Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Pokémon Card Club (For ages 8 - 12 years)

Join us for Pokémon Card Club and over six weeks we will help you learn the basics, so you can face off against your friends.

Wednesdays

Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Remarkable Canadians (For ages 7 - 9 years)

Join us for this five week program and learn about important people in Canada. Each week we will highlight a different person and see how they have contributed to the world in a positive way.

Fridays

Jan 19, Feb 2, 16, Mar 1
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm
Beaty Branch

Ranger Rick: I Wish I was an Animal! (For ages 3 - 5 years)

Imagine you wished you were an animal and then became one! What would it be like to eat, sleep, and live like your favourite animal? If you're curious, join us for this program based on the Ranger Rick series by Jennifer Bové.

Wednesdays

Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 27,
April 24, & May 22
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

For the Love of Reading – Family Bookclub (For ages 7 - 11 years)

Join us for a fun and informal monthly book club to create excitement about books and reading. There will be games and activities and each month you will be invited to read a pre-selected middle grade fiction story.

Sundays

Jan 28, Feb 25, & Mar 24
10:30 am – 11:10 am
Main Library

Sensory Storytime (For ages 2-6 years)

Sensory Storytime is a small group storytime that includes freedom of movement with visual supports and action and sensory experiences geared toward children with sensory sensitivities.

Sundays

Jan 28, Feb 4, 11
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mindful Storytime (For ages 3 - 5 years)

Join us for this calming and relaxing storytime and introduce your child to mindfulness through picture books and rhymes. Participants will learn some simple breathing and movement exercises.

Tuesdays

Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 26,
Apr 23, & May 28
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Main Library

Storynight Society Reading Club (For ages 8 - 10 years)

Do you have a favourite book or series you'd like to share? Join us to discover great books, chat about what you're reading, and have some bookish fun.

Saturdays

Feb 3, 17, 24
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Beaty Branch

Magical Mythical Fairy Folk of the World (For ages 7 - 11 years)

Fairies and Fae are magical creatures that exist in tales around the world. Come and explore their origins through books, and activities and learn something about the countries too.

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Feb 16

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Cubelets: Robots Dance Too! (For ages 6 - 8 years)

It's a PA Day at school, so join us for an exciting introduction to robots, using Cubelets! Participants will work in groups to figure out how to make their robots dance!

March 9

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Main Library

Perfect Pizza Storytime

Ooey gooey cheesy goodness! Join us for a fun interactive storytime about everyone's favourite food: PIZZA! Stories, songs, activities and a craft.

March 9

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Eye Catching Optical Illusions (For ages 8 - 12 years)

In this interactive program, participants will learn about optical illusions as well try their hand at creating one.

March 11

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Main Library

Perler Beads! (For ages 8 - 12 years)

Join us and let your imagination run wild as we get creative with perler beads. Participants will have the opportunity to design a project to take home with them.

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10:00 am – 11:30 am
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Using microscopes, participants will observe, discuss, and record what they see under the microscope lens. Discover colours, shapes, patterns and possibly living things in real-time!

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10:30 am – 11:30 am
Main Library

Balloon Science (For ages 7 - 10 years)

Join us and learn about the science of balloons. Participants will be thoroughly engaged in magic, experiments, games and activities.

March 14

10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Crayon Madness (For ages 7 - 11 years)

Colourful crayons make for fun experiments and activities. Join us and discover how science meets art using crayons in this interactive program.

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10:30 am – 11:30 am
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Discover awesome science experiments using mason jars and various ingredients. Participants will observe surface tension in action, how effervescence makes a lava lamp and finally tiny tornadoes.

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10:30 am – 11:30 am
Beaty Branch

Food Chains: How do living things find food?

Through a combination of information, activities and games, participants will have fun learning about the importance of food chains.

March 15

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
& 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Main Library

The Art of Plasticine (For ages 6 - 8 years)

Learn how to work with and model plasticine in different ways. Everyone will create a fantastic finished artwork they can display at home!

March 19

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Main Library

Wonders of the Night Sky (For ages 8 - 12 years)

Come learn about the history, science and myths surrounding constellations in the night sky. Participants will create a jar lamp to take home.

Children's Storytimes

Registered Storytimes

Program	Age	Day/Time	Location
Babytime	0-11mos	Tues 10:00 am Thur 10:00 am	Main Sherwood
One is Wonderful	12-23 mos	Tues 11:00 am Thur 11:00 am	Main Sherwood
Tales for Twos	24-35 mos	Wed 10:00 am Thur 10:30 am	Main Beaty
Preschool Storytime	3-5 yrs	Wed 11:00 am Thur 11:30 am	Main Beaty

Jan 8 – Mar 1 | Register online or in-person.
Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays.



Drop In Storytimes

Program	Age	Day/Time	Location
Family Storytime (year-round)	Fun for the whole family	Saturdays 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:00 am	Main Beaty Sherwood
PJ Storytime (year-round)	0-6 yrs	Tuesdays 6:30 pm	Beaty
Play Hive	0-6 yrs	Tuesdays (Jan 9 – Feb 27) 11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Beaty
		Saturdays (year-round) 10:45 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am – 12:15 pm 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Main Beaty Sherwood
Rise and Shine	0-3 yrs	Fridays 10:30 am	Beaty
Shake, Rattle & Read	2-4 yrs	Mondays 10:00 am	Sherwood



Teen Programs

Project Pen Pal

Thursdays, January 18, February 15, & March 14,
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Main)

Project Pen Pal is a fun and creative program that connects teenagers with seniors in a meaningful and thoughtful way by providing them with an opportunity to create a relationship through an old fashioned letter writing process.



Welcome to Camp Half-Blood

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Beaty)

In honour of Percy Jackson completing his first quest, we will make camp necklaces with beads representing our own successful quests in life, determine everyone's godly parent, and make buttons to show what cabin they belong to.



I Love You Because...Tween & Teen Self-Affirmations

Wednesday, February 14, 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm (Beaty)

Celebrate your love for the person you will be with for the rest of your life - yourself! This workshop will talk about body positivity, self-love and acceptance, and why it is important to be kind to ourselves.



Jazz Age Murder Mystery Party

Wednesday, March 13,
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Main)

Join us as we step into the 1920s Jazz Age and solve the mystery of a lifetime, who killed Felix Fontano.



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Thursdays

Jan 4, Feb 22, March 28
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Pick, Pop, & Play: Movies for Teens

Each month we will offer a choice of two movies, with a poll on our Instagram feed – you pick which one we will show!

January 10

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Bad Art

Have some fun and show the world your creativity by making bad art - art that says something, but no one is quite sure what exactly.

Thursdays

Jan 11, Feb 22, Mar 7
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Queer Peers with Pflag Halton

Queer Peers is a peer support meeting offering various activities, crafts, special guests, and general support for anyone queer, questioning, or who wants to be an ally.

Tuesdays

Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13,
20, 27, Mar 5
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Dungeons & Dragons

Have you always wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons? Join our Dungeon Master, Calvin, as he hosts this 8 week beginner friendly DnD campaign!

Saturdays

Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 2, 9, 23
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Main Library

Teen Makey Makey Club

Students learn about circuits, coding, and use everyday objects to create Makey Makey projects of their choosing such as interactive art pieces or games.

February 8

6:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Main Library

Houston, We Have a Problem: Teen Escape Room

You are on a space ship that has just lost its power. Work together to clear various puzzles and challenges in order to get the ship's backup generator up and running.

February 28

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Fantastic Phones

Your phone should look as individual as you are, so we're going to create our own unique cases and pop sockets to show off our style.

March 16

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Creative Hydro Dipping

Learn the science behind hydro dipping, and the artistic skills needed to paint different items!

March 28

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Main Library

Digital Drawing: Portraits, Manga Characters, & more with Procreate

Take a crash course in the digital drawing app Procreate. Learn the basic tools and handy shortcuts. We will test our skills at making digital portraits, manga characters and more!

March 30

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Main Library

Super Smash Bros Tournament

Compete for gift cards and bragging rights in this ultimate Super Smash Bros Tournament!

Adult Programs

Urdu Book Club

Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, & March 6,
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Main)

Read the books of famous Urdu authors with Milton Public Library. Meet for tea, a book discussion and make new friends along the way. You will be able to pick up your books up to two weeks before the meeting dates.



Bollywood Trivia

Thursdays, January 11, February 8, & February 15,
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Beaty)

'Bollywood Trivia Night' is the game Bollywood fans have been waiting for! With a wide range of questions from scenes, plot lines, movie stars, iconic roles, debut films; this Trivia is going to be a fun experience for everyone.



Austentacious Affair

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Main)

The evening will be filled with all things from Austenland, including a reading from Austen's best works, discussion of Jane Austen's books, life and family, an examination of the most popular Regency era dances and lastly a discovery of the art of the fan.



Podcasts and Pints

Thursdays, February 22 & March 21
Third Moon Brewery, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Like a book club, but for podcasts! We'll be serving up great discussions for podcasts lovers and new podcast listeners at Third Moon Brewery. Come and discuss podcasts with people in your community.



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Every Tuesday

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
& 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm
Main Library

Main Branch English Conversation Circle

Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. They are an excellent way to practice your English in a variety of situations while meeting people in the community. Presented by Halton Multicultural Council.

Every Thursday

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Sherwood English Conversation Circle

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Every Wednesday

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Main Branch

Milton Knitting Circle

Milton Public Library is happy to welcome the Milton Knitting Circle. This weekly group meets at the Main Library on Wednesdays. Beginners are welcome.

Every Wednesday

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Main Library

Seniors Social

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for cards, board games, laughter, and more. Connect with old friends and meet new ones. Drop-in for a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon at the library.

Thursdays

Jan 11, Feb 8, & Mar 7
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Graphic Novel Book Club

We'll be reading a great selection of graphic novels and comics that will showcase how the medium can be so much more than just action (though there might be some of that too!).

Mondays

Jan 29, Feb 5
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Main Library

Remembering Together

Our lives are made up of moments in time, smells and tastes and adventures. Join us as we take a trip down memory lane while remembering the good old days through music, movies, important events, traditions and more.

Mondays

Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 25
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mindfulness Book Club

In this book club, participants will have the opportunity to develop and enhance their mindfulness techniques and practices through a curated book list.

Tuesdays

Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 26
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Writer's Circle

This creative writing group is for you! We'll get together to share what we've written, and be supported in whatever genre we choose. We'll self-direct our group, welcome occasional speakers, and write, write, write.

Sundays

Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 24
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Main Library

Artist in Residence: Lena White

In this art class, our artist in residence Lena White will teach participants how to create a lovely masterpiece for your favourite book. No prior art experience is needed; art supplies will be provided for the class.

February 10

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Chocolate and Tea for You and Me

Come and join Milton Public Library and Katie Cyr, from Monarch Tea Co., for a special Valentine's Day tea and chocolate tasting, where we will learn about the different types of tea and how to pair them with our favourite luxurious sweet.

News and Updates

Baby Bee's First Reads

Introducing the Baby Bee's First Reads program by Milton Public Library, in collaboration with Halton Healthcare and Milton Community Resource Centre!

This initiative ensures that every newborn in Milton begins their journey with a love for literacy. Families leaving the hospital will receive a voucher, redeemable at MPL, providing a free kit with a baby's first library card, a tote bag, a book, and more.

The program supports multilingualism with books in Urdu, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, and French upon request. It also includes a "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" tracker and resources from MPL, Halton Healthcare, MCRC, and the Town of Milton.

Embracing the digital age

Milton Public Library (MPL) is always looking to transform to meet today's fast-paced needs, embracing the digital age for an enriched library experience. The online catalogue offers easy navigation, allowing users to search, manage accounts, and receive personalized recommendations. New Book Alerts keep subscribers updated on the latest literary treasures.

The MPL mobile app ensures on-the-go access for seamless library services from smartphones or tablets. Beyond books, the library hosts diverse events through an interactive calendar, fostering community engagement. MPL's extensive eResource collection supports lifelong learning from the comfort of home. For personalized assistance, patrons can chat with MPL staff online or via text.

MPL Embarks on Service Delivery Review

MPL is embarking on an essential Service Delivery and Organizational Review, aligning our services with our community's evolving needs. This strategic initiative focuses on three areas:

1. Service Delivery Review: Evaluating and enhancing our services for efficiency and sustainability.
2. Organizational Review: Analyzing internal processes and staffing to optimize our structure.
3. Community Engagement: Your feedback is key in shaping our future.

We value your participation in upcoming surveys and consultations. Together, let's forge a future-ready library that embodies innovation and community spirit. Join us in this transformative journey!

Beaty Honey is Here!

Exciting news from Beaty Branch Garden at Milton Public Library! We're now selling our very own honey, a sweet treat directly from our buzzing garden bees. But that's not all - our shelves are also stocked with stylish tote bags and handy notebooks, perfect for readers and note-takers alike. And just in time for the holidays, we've bundled these delightful items into a special holiday package. Whether it's a treat for yourself or a gift for a loved one, these unique library treasures support our community programs while bringing a touch of Milton's natural beauty into your home.

Highlights from 2023

2023 OBOM Event Highlights

The Milton Public Library was honoured to welcome Academy® Award-winning screenwriter and acclaimed actor and director, Sarah Polley for their 2023 One Book, One Milton (OBOM) event on Thursday, October 26th.

The sold-out crowd of 500 were treated with an interview hosted by Eleanor Wachtel, as Sarah discussed her #1 National Bestseller, *Run Towards the Danger*, a collection of six personal essays that delve into aspects of her life and career.

Food for Fines

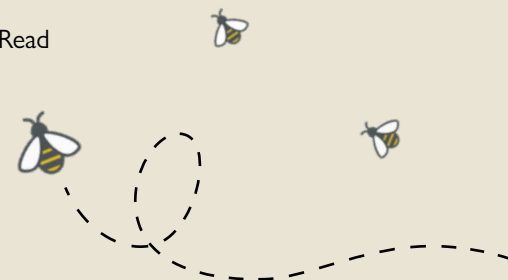
In celebration of Ontario Public Library Week and Canadian Library Month, Milton Public Library (MPL) was pleased to announce the return of its highly anticipated 6th annual Food for Fines Campaign. From October 16th to November 16th, this community focused initiative invited library patrons to make a meaningful difference while settling overdue fines. The Food for Fines Campaign encouraged MPL patrons to support the Milton Community Resource Centre's Infant Food Bank by making donations of essential items, in exchange for the waiver of overdue library fines.

Read and Ride

Milton Public Library and Milton Transit kicked off the Read and Ride program. Children and teens, 16 years of age and younger, were 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 ran from June 24 to September 2, 2023 and participants rode for free by showing their Library card with a valid Read and Ride sticker on it.

National Indigenous History Month

In celebration of National Indigenous History Month, Milton Public Library hosted a special unveiling of 'Medicines', a beautiful four-panel mural painted by local Indigenous artist Cassandra Bomberry on Thursday, June 1st at the Beaty branch. The mural is permanently displayed at Beaty branch in the grand entrance.





Hours	Main Library	Sherwood Branch	Beaty Branch
	1010 Main Street East	6355 Main Street West	945 Fourth Line
Mon	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	CLOSED
Tues-Thurs	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fri-Sat	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	CLOSED

Upcoming Closures

- Monday, January 1: New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15: Staff Town Hall
Branches open at 11:45am
- Monday, February 19: Family Day
- Friday, March 29: Good Friday
- Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

Scan here for our full program calendar!



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