

Milton Public Library Expands Reciprocal Borrowing to Include Guelph Public Library

Milton, ON – Milton Public Library (MPL) is excited to announce the expansion of its reciprocal borrowing program to now include Guelph Public Library, allowing library cardholders from both systems to enjoy borrowing privileges at any of their locations by no longer having to pay the non-resident fee to join. This new partnership reinforces MPL's dedication to community support, providing residents with greater access to resources during challenging economic times.

With this latest addition, Milton Public Library cardholders can access an even wider selection of materials and services at Guelph Public Library. MPL already offers reciprocal borrowing privileges with Halton Public Libraries (Halton Hills, Oakville, and Burlington), Hamilton Public Library, and Wellington County Library, enabling MPL cardholders to borrow items such as books, DVDs, electronic games, frequent flyer books, sports equipment, park passes, gaming consoles, and more from these partner libraries.

"We're delighted to broaden our reciprocal borrowing network," said Sarah Douglas-Murray, CEO & Chief Librarian, Milton Public Library. "This initiative underscores our commitment to enhancing resource accessibility and supporting our community's educational and recreational needs, especially as families continue to feel the pressures of today's economy."

In return, cardholders from Guelph Public Library, as well as all partner libraries, can now present their library cards to borrow items directly from Milton Public Library.

"The Guelph Public Library is excited to support reciprocal borrowing in this partnership with Milton Public Library," says Dan Atkins, acting CEO of Guelph Public Library. "By enabling our members to borrow materials from other libraries without additional membership fees, we expand opportunities for discovery, learning, and connection. This collaboration reflects our commitment to providing seamless access to information and to empowering our communities with a diverse range of resources."

How to Participate:

Residents of Halton Hills (Acton, Georgetown, and rural areas), Oakville, Burlington, or Wellington County can obtain a free Milton Public Library card by presenting their library card from their home library, along with proof of name and address, at any MPL branch. This provides them with full access to MPL's collections and services.

To learn more about reciprocal borrowing and how it works, please visit <u>https://beinspired.ca/reciprocal-borrowing/</u>.

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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