



Be Inspired

Winter 2025



CELEBRATING 170 YEARS OF LITERACY

See inside for exciting
programs and services including:

March Break Programming
MPL's 170th Anniversary Celebration
Library System Upgrade
New Additions to Our Library of Things

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A Message from Our CEO!



Happy New Year!

Milton Public Library has much to offer as we enter 2025. This year, we proudly celebrate 170 years of serving the community. On January 25, join us for a day of special programs, activities, and a look back at our history.

We're also introducing a new library system on February 6, designed to improve your experience. Features like text notifications, an upgraded mobile app, enhanced reading history, and the ability to save your favourite searches will make using the library easier and more efficient. Please note that some library services will be temporarily unavailable from January 27 to February 5 as we make this transition. We appreciate your patience during this time and look forward to unveiling the new system.

We are pleased to let you know that our Library of Things collection, already available at the Main Library, will soon expand to our Beaty Branch, giving you access to unique items like musical instruments, sports kits, park passes and much more.

Don't forget to check out our March Break programs, offering a variety of engaging and fun activities for children and families to enjoy during the school holiday.

Thank you for being part of MPL's journey. Here's to a year of learning, exploration, and community at your library.

Warm Regards,

Sarah Douglas-Murray
CEO & Chief Librarian



You're Invited to Celebrate MPL's 170th Anniversary!

Milton Public Library will celebrate its 170th anniversary in 2025, honoring a long legacy of community service since its founding as the Mechanics Institute and Library Association in 1855. Over the years, the library has transformed from a small rural library into a dynamic community hub with three branches, offering resources that span from traditional books to digital media, educational programs, and cultural events. This milestone reflects the library's dedication to promoting literacy, learning, innovation, and connection within the Milton community, adapting to new challenges and evolving needs for nearly two centuries.

Join us on Saturday, January 25 at the Main Library for engaging activities for all ages, including:

- 1:00 pm - Remarks, cake cutting, and activities for kids
- 1:30 pm - Branch wide programs launch!
- 1:30 pm Magic and Disco Dancing with Rumpel and Friends!
- MPL's 170th Anniversary Escape Room!
- MPL 170 Doors Open

Visit beinspired.ca for full details!

Children's Storytimes

Early Literacy Registered Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
One is Wonderful	2-6 years	Wednesdays Jan 8 - Feb 26 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Main Library
Preschool Storytime	3-5 years	Thursdays Jan 9 - Feb 27 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Main Library
Babytime	0-11 months	Thursdays Jan 9 - Feb 27 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Tales for Two	24-35 months	Thursdays Jan 9 - Feb 27 11:00 am - 11:30 am	Sherwood Branch



Register online or in-person. Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays.

Drop-In Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
Family Storytime	0-6 years	Saturdays 10:15 am - 10:45 am 10:45 am - 11:15 am 11:00 am - 11:45 am	Main Library Beaty Branch Sherwood Branch
Tales for Toddlers	2-5 years	Mondays Jan 6 - Feb 24 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Alphabet Play	2-5 years	Mondays Jan 6 - Feb 24 10:30 am - 11:15 am Tuesdays Jan 7 - Feb 25 10:30 am - 11:15 am Wednesdays Jan 8 - Feb 26 10:30 am - 11:15 am	Main Library Beaty Branch Sherwood Branch
Shake Rattle and Read	1-5 years	Mondays Jan 6 - Feb 24 11:00 am - 11:30 am	Sherwood Branch
PJ Storytime	2-6 years	Tuesdays Jan 7 - Mar 25 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Beaty Branch
Jumping and Jamming Storytime	1-5 years	Fridays Jan 10 - Feb 28 10:15 am - 11:00 am	Main Library
Rise and Shine	0-3 years	Fridays Jan 10 - Feb 28 10:30 am - 11:00 am	Beaty Branch



Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

Wed & Thurs

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Beaty Branch
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

January 2

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Main Library

January 2

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Beaty Branch

Multiple Dates

Various Times
Various Branches

Sundays

Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16,
Mar 2, 16, 30
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mon & Wed

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Main Library
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Beaty Branch

Mondays

Jan 6 - 20 &
Mar 2 - 17
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Tuesdays

Jan 7 - Feb 25
10:30 am - 11:15 am
Main Library

Tuesdays

Jan 7 - Feb 11
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm
Beaty Branch

Wednesdays

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

Wednesdays

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Sundays

Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9,
Apr 6
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm
Main Library

Sundays

Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23,
Mar 9
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Main Library

Baby Toddler Sing and Play with EarlyON Milton

This is a sing-a-long, educational program where participants will engage in a circle time to learn songs, rhymes, and finger plays while promoting parent child interaction and early literacy. For children 0-24 months of age.

Amazing Body Science

Join us for a fun interactive program where participants will have fun with cool tricks and experiments using your own body parts. For children 8-12 years of age.

Candy Cane Coding

This engaging program blends hands on crafting and mental coding. Participants will decode letters into binary code, then use the code to create a candy cane bead pattern with their name. For children 7-10 years of age.

Play Hive

Drop-in for children up to 6 years of age, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Bring your little ones for a fun and interactive play session. Be ready to play explore, discover, and create together using the toys and materials provided.

Hour of Code

Join us for one hour and have fun learning the basics of coding through engaging activities. For children 7-10 years of age.

Baby Sing and Connect with EarlyON Milton

This is a sing-a-long, educational program where participants will engage in a circle time to learn songs, rhymes and finger plays while promoting parent child interaction and early literacy. For children 0-12 months of age.

Introduction to Cursive Writing

An introduction to cursive writing using the upper and lower case alphabet. Participants will practice writing and reading cursive and learn how to sign their own name. For children 7-9 years of age.

Kindergarten Here I Come!

If your child is starting kindergarten in the fall, check out this 8-week series! Children will enjoy an independent half-hour of stories and songs, followed by 15 minutes of activities to learn important skills they'll need in kindergarten.

Story Science

Each week we will read and explore a different story through crafting, building or science experiments. For children 5-8 years of age.

Croque après-midi avec On y va Milton

Le livre prend tout son sens lorsqu'il fait l'objet d'un partage entre l'adulte et le tout-petit! Venez partager ce moment avec nous autour de la lecture et de nombreuses autres activités! Pour les enfant 0 à 6 ans.

MathMania

Drop in and spend some quality time together engaging with our math toys, activities, and worksheets. Make math fun! This is not a tutoring program. For children 5-12 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Introduction to the Soroban Abacus

Children will be introduced to the soroban abacus and learn to recognize its components. Through simple arithmetic operations, they will develop an understanding of its basic functions. For children 7-9 years of age.

Coding Critters Playground

Interested in technology for children? Here's your opportunity to play, learn, and code with some very special robot pets! For children 3-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Register for these exciting programs!

Sundays

Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23,
Mar 9, 23
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11

5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Thursdays

Jan 16 - 30 &
Feb 13 - 27
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Sundays

Jan 19, Feb 2, 16,
Mar 2, 16, 30
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library

Jan 19, Feb 1, 16,
Mar 1, 16, 29

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Main Library

Jan 21 - Feb 25
Jan 23 - Feb 27

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch
Beaty Branch

Jan 22, Feb 25, Mar 25

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Main Library

January 25

Main Library

January 25

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

January 25

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Main Library

January 26

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library

January 27

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Main Library

Wednesdays

Jan 29, Feb 12, 26,
Mar 5, 12
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
Main Library

Coding with Micro:Bit

Learn basic coding and programming skills with Micro:Bit; a pocket sized computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology. For children 8-12 years of age.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Join us once a month to discuss a variety of graphic novels followed by an activity. Graphic novels are fast paced, engaging, high quality reading material full of text to help build vocabulary. For children 9-12 years of age.

Mindful Moments for Middle Graders

Discover the power of mindfulness through gentle breathing exercises and simple movement. For children 8-11 years of age.

Discover Snap Circuits

Play with electricity and circuits during this hands-on program. There will be a different project each session, such as turning on a light, spinning a motor, or activating a speaker. For children 8-12 years of age.

Ted-Ed 2:0 for Kids

Curious minds unite! Join our TED-Ed Club for children as we dive into intriguing topics like the effects of sitting too close to the TV, the world's most horrifying parasites, and the fascinating history of toilets. For children 8-12 years of age.

STEAM Storytime

Investigate early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics concepts through stories, activities, and interactive play and exploration. For children 3-5 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

Story Night Society: Reading Club

Join us to discover great books, chat about what you're reading, and have some bookish fun with your peers. For children 8-10 years of age.

MPL 170th Anniversary Launch Celebration

Join us as we kick off a year of festivities to celebrate the Milton Public Library's remarkable 170-year journey of inspiring, educating, and connecting with the community!

Rumple and Friends Magic Show and Disco Party

Celebrate MPL's 170th Birthday in style with a spectacular, family-friendly adventure filled with spellbinding magic and groovy disco moves! For children 5-10 years of age accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MPL's 170th Anniversary Escape Room!

Use items left behind by townfolk in a century old time capsule and to find your way back to the present with this special escape room! For families with children 9 years of age and older.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Milton Chinese Canadian Association

Ring in the Lunar New Year with a vibrant celebration of culture, tradition, and community! This program is suitable for both Mandarin and English speakers. For children 4-10 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Magic Kingdom Karaoke for Kids

Join us for a one-of-a-kind sing-along program featuring everyone's favourite Disney tunes, combined with a Disney story read aloud. For children 5-8 years of age.

Alif Se Urdu

Learn Urdu in a small group setting by practicing writing and reading the letters of the Urdu alphabet. For children 6-8 years of age.

Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

Feb 2 & Mar 2

2:00 pm - 2:40 pm
Main Library

Mandarin Storytime

Join us for a Mandarin language storytime facilitated by the Milton Chinese Canadian Association. For children 4-10 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is suitable for Mandarin speakers.

February 8

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Main Library

Pizza Party Storytime

National Pizza Day is February 9! Join us for a fun interactive storytime about everyone's favourite food, PIZZA! Stories, songs, activities, and even a craft! For children 4-6 years of age.

Feb 8 & Mar 29

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Saturday Crafternoons

Drop by Beaty Branch with your family and make a craft or two for Valentines Day on February 8 and Eid celebrations on March 29. All materials provided. For children 3-12 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

February 14

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

PA Day Movies

It's a PA Day, come join us for a viewing of *The Garfield Movie* (2024, Rated G). Feel free to bring your own drinks (preferably water) in a spill proof container. Fun for Families. Parents must remain in the room with their child/ren.

February 14

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Let's Get Crafty on a PA Day

It's a PA day, come craft with us and let your creativity flow. All materials supplied. For children 6-12 years of age.

February 14

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

Iris Folding Workshop with The Fancy Folds

Unleash your creativity and learn the beautiful art of iris folding with this valentine themed project! For children 9-12 years of age.

February 19

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Main Library

I Survived at the Library: Chronicles of Historical Mayhem

Test your survival skills with activities, trivia and challenges. Perfect for fans of the *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis. For children 8-12 years of age.

Thursdays

Feb 20, Mar 6, 20
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Main Library

Building and Coding with LEGO WeDo 2.0

Combine LEGO bricks, sensors and software to build a moving robot! Join us an practice basic engineering, and coding skills. For children 7-9 years of age.

February 22

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Code Your Own Step Counter with Micro:bit

Join us to learn how daily walking can improve your heart health. Participants will use Micro:bit to create a step counter that tracks how many steps they take. For children 8-11 years of age.

Thursdays

Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 27
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
Beaty Branch

Hindi for Kids

Participants will learn to write the Hindi alphabet and use this knowledge to practice reading Hindi. For children 6-9 years of age.

March 23

11:00 am - 11:45 am
Main Library

Ramadan Reads

Join us and learn about Ramadan with stories, songs, and activities that explore the values of kindness, generosity, and unity. For children 3-8 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

March 23

Various Times
Main Library

Ramadan Escape Room - Kids Edition

Participate in this exciting escape room for a unique and interactive way to learn about Ramadan. For children 8-11 years of age.

March 29

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

Eid-ul-Fitr

Come celebrate and learn about the significance of Eid-ul-Fitr, the festival of Breaking the Fast. Enjoy stories, trivia, activities and a craft. For children 7-10 years of age.

Teen Programs (13 to 17 years)

Dec 12 - Jan 9
Online

The First Library Visit: Teen Short Story Contest

To celebrate the library's 170th anniversary, teens are invited to imagine what the library would have looked like when it first opened. Write a short story of no more than 1000 words, and submit it. See full details on our website.

Thursdays
Jan 2, Feb 27, Mar 27
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

All Together Now: An Intergenerational Games Night for Teens and Seniors

Are you a master of Monopoly? An expert card game player, or just want to learn from some seasoned players? Come out and connect with local seniors to learn something new and (maybe) beat them at their own game!

January 7
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Write for Rights

For over 20 years, Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign has transformed the lives of people whose rights have been wronged. Teens will view a short video synopsis will write a letter to help their cause.

January 9
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Dumpster Fire De-Stress

How often do you need to post the "This Is Fine" meme as a mood? It's been a stressful few...years. So we're going to make dumpster crafts that we can put all of our stressors into to help us de-stress a little. All supplies provided.

Thursdays
Jan 16, Feb 20,
Mar 20
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Queer Peers: Dungeons & Dragons

Gather your friends to embark on a journey through a fantasy world! Our Game Master will teach you everything from making a character, to completing your first campaign! Run in partnership with Pflag Halton. Drop-ins welcome.

Thursdays
Jan 23, Feb 20,
Mar 20
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Pick, Pop, & Play: Movies for Teens

Two movies enter the ring, but only one will emerge victorious! Each month we will offer a choice of two movies, with a poll on our Instagram feed – you pick which one we will show! Popcorn provided, seating first come first served.

January 25
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaty Branch

It's Like I Was There: Insert Yourself into MPL History

Take yourself back through time by taking a picture with our green screen, and choose a background photo from Milton's history to insert yourself into. Photos will be emailed to participants to share, and remember to tag us!

January 31
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Choco-Battle!

January 31 is National Hot Chocolate Day in the US. See how discerning your palate is as you try to guess the flavour of different types of hot chocolate. The winner will be declared the Chocolate Master!

February 1
Various Times
Main Library

Stuck in a Jam: 3D Printer Escape Room

A librarian mad with power has locked your favourite books away using a 3D printed padlock. Work together to clear various puzzles and challenges in order to 3D print the key!

February 8
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Main Library

Black Brilliance: Making Posters for Black History Month

For Black History Month, we want to celebrate the contributions Black people have made to society. Teens are invited to research a Black individual and create a poster about their life, which we will then put on display at a library branch.

Tuesdays
Feb 11 - Apr 8
7:15 pm - 8:45 pm
Sherwood Branch

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! Participants will create characters and play through a fantastic adventure!

February 15
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Main Library

Crime Solvers 101: The Mystery Behind Forensics and Fingerprints

Have you ever wondered how crimes are solved? Do you want to learn more about forensics? If you said yes to these questions, then this program is for you. Come out as we explore how science can help solve crimes in this fun program.

February 22
12:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Black Legends of Music: Movie Festival

In celebration of Black History Month, we're having a musical biography movie festival. Screening will be "Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody" (2022, Rated PG-13) and "Piece by Piece" (2024, Rated PG).

Register for these exciting programs!

Sundays

Feb 23, Mar 2, 9
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Stop Motion Workshop for Teens

In this three-week course, students will learn the fundamentals of stop-motion animation, including character design, puppet creation, and animation techniques. Please note there is a materials fee of \$15 for all three sessions.

Wednesdays

Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Words in Motion: A Teen's Creative Writing Odyssey

This program takes young writers on an exhilarating journey through the art of storytelling. Teens are invited to dive deep into their imaginations, explore diverse writing styles, and unleash their creativity through dynamic exercises.

March 1

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library

Mystique Masquerade: Discovering the Magic of Masks

This enchanting program delves into the rich history, artistic creativity, and symbolic significance of masquerade masks by guiding teens through the process of making their own masquerade masks.

Newcomer Resources and Programs



As a newcomer to Canada, there are many important steps you need to take to assist with your transition into Canadian life.

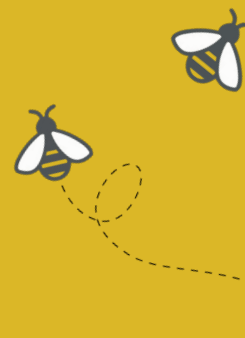
Milton Public Library, in collaboration with our community partners, offers a wide arrange of services to help you find everything you need to know to make your transition easier. Services can be accessed with a library card.

This includes:

- English as a Second Language Conversation Circles
- Commissioner of Oath – apply for passport, sign documents, etc.
- Settlement Worker
- Canadian Citizenship Test Prep Kit

eResources

- **Brainfuse:** Access tutoring for students, career coaching, and Canadian citizenship study help.
- **CBC Corner:** Explore news, entertainment, and educational content, including foreign language programs.
- **G1 Practice Tests:** Prepare for the G1 driving exam with online practice tests.
- **Halton Community Services Directory:** Find local services like clinics, food banks, and recreational programs in Halton Region.
- **PressReader:** Access newspapers and magazines from over 140 countries in 60+ languages.
- **Transparent Language Online:** Learn English or other languages with over 100 options available.



Free March Break Programs

Children's Programs

<p>March 10 10:30 am - 11:30 am Sherwood Branch</p>	<h3>Paper Circuits</h3> <p>Spark your interest in STEAM with paper circuits! Participants will create a paper craft, elevated with LED lights! This hands-on program will help participants use their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. For children 10-12 years of age.</p>
<p>March 11 10:30 am - 11:30 am Main Library</p>	<h3>Cool Card Trick Extravaganza</h3> <p>Cards are not just for playing! Join us for a fun magic demonstration and learn a card trick to wow your friends and family! Familiarity with cards is helpful, but not essential. For children 8-12 years of age. Participants will need to bring a deck of cards to use in the program.</p>
<p>March 11 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm Beaty Branch</p>	<h3>Bloxels: Design Your Own Video Game</h3> <p>Step into the world of game creation with Bloxel Studio and put your imagination to work! Bloxels provides everything you need to bring your video game ideas to life. For children 7-10 years of age.</p>
<p>March 11 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Main Library</p>	<h3>Story Quest: Choose Your Own Adventure Creative Writing Workshop</h3> <p>Participants in this writing workshop will create their own adventure where each decision shapes the story and each choice leads to a new outcome! For children 8-12 years of age.</p>
<p>March 11 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Main Library</p>	<h3>Bee Movie with Backed by Bees</h3> <p>Join us and our friends from Backed by Bees for a screening of <i>The Bee Movie</i> (2007, Rated PG). Fun for families.</p>
<p>March 12 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Sherwood Branch</p>	<h3>Introduction to Roblox Studio and Game Design</h3> <p>Learn the basics of game design using Roblox Studio with Code Ninjas Milton. For children 9-12 years of age.</p>
<p>March 12 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm Main Library</p>	<h3>Minecraft Get Back to Reality Escape Room</h3> <p>You've become trapped in the 8-bit world of Minecraft and the only way back to reality is through the locked boxes that you see before you. Can you beat the clock and make your way back to the real world? For children 9-12 years of age.</p>
<p>March 12 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Main Library</p>	<h3>Magic Kingdom Karaoke: Sing-Along and Storytime Adventure</h3> <p>Join us for a one-of-a-kind sing-along program featuring favourite Disney tunes and enjoy an engaging reading of a Disney story. For children 5-8 years of age.</p>
<p>March 13 10:30 am - 11:30 am Main Library</p>	<h3>Eye Catching Optical Illusions</h3> <p>A hands-on examination of the crazy world of optical illusions where nothing is every quite as it seems. Participants will learn about optical illusions as well try their hand at creating one. For children 8-12 years of age.</p>
<p>March 13 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Sherwood Branch</p>	<h3>Storytime and Stuffedie Sleepover</h3> <p>Come in your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and join us for storytimes! Then, leave your stuffy over night for a sleepover party at the library. For children 3-6 years of age and their parent or guardian.</p>

Free March Break Programs

Teen Programs

March 14
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Holi Storytime

Join us for this special storytime which explores the Hindu spring festival of colors called Holi. For children 3-8 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

March 14
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Fantastic Frogs!

Jump into this program all about frogs, led by Dan the Nature Man! Where do they live? What do they look like? What do they sound like? It will be absolutely "ribbeting!" For children 8-12 years of age.

March 14
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Close-Up Amazing!

Curious to see what organisms look like up-close? Join us to explore, discuss, and document fascinating details revealed through the lens of a microscope. For children 10-12 years of age.

Mar 8 & 22
Various Times
Main Library
Beaty Branch

Ramadan Escape Room

Celebrate Ramadan with this holiday themed escape room which will be at our Main Library on March 8 and our Beaty Branch on March 22.

March 10
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Main Library

Mystery & Mayhem: A Good Girl's Guide to Murder Interactive Experience

Dive into the world of mystery and intrigue with our interactive program inspired by Holly Jackson's *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*. This immersive event will engage teens in solving a fictional murder case.

March 11
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Poetry Can Be Magnetic

We're making magnetic poetry kits before World Poetry Day on March 21. For ages 11-17. All materials will be provided.

March 13
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

Music of the Stars

Learn about NASA's sonification project that translates parts of our Universe into music we can listen to! Experience solar systems in a whole new way by turning one into a song you can hear.

March 14
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Not Board with Games

Bored of board games? Take on a new challenge and design your own! In this workshop, players will design, build, and play their own original board games. All supplies will be provided.



Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Jan 2 - 31

All Branches

Fridays

Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Online & Sherwood
Branch

Mondays

Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Wednesdays

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Wednesdays

Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Wednesdays

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Jan 9, 22, Feb 6, 19,
Mar 6, 19

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Fridays

Starting Jan 10
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Main Library

Saturdays

Jan 11, Feb 1,
Mar 1, 8
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Various Branches

Tuesdays

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
Main Library

Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 5

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Various Branches

Wednesdays

Jan 15, Feb 12,
Mar 12
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Thursdays

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Valentines for Seniors

Stop by the library to write a valentine for a local senior! Write a message or small poem and we will pass along your valentine to seniors at local residences. While supplies last!

Tech Talk

Tech Talks are monthly dynamic online webinars designed to help you navigate and unlock the full potential of your tablets, smartphones, and computers.

Film Club

Instead of books, this a monthly club for those interested in films to meet new people and share ideas. From the casual viewer to the cinephile, all levels of interest in film are welcome.

Senior Social

Drop-in and connect with old friends and meet new ones while playing cards and board games, sharing laughter, reminiscing, and more. Starting January 8.

Mindful Meetup

Mindful Meetup is a monthly program exploring mindfulness and meditation through sharing personal experience and practices. Each quarter, explore a different mindfulness-related book.

Milton Knitting Circle

A weekly knitting (and other fibre arts) group. New faces and beginners always welcome. Starting January 8.

Hindi Social

A meaningful social to meet new people, discuss current events and share life experiences.

Movement, Memory and Mindfulness

Experience the synergy of chair yoga, memory enhancement, and mindfulness in a single session. \$5 per session.

Sew Inspired

Learn basic sewing machine operation, and how to make different items. Learn with others, build new skills, brush up on rusty ones, share knowledge, or simply have a good time! \$5 per person, all supplies provided.

English Conversation Circle: Basic & Intermediate / Advanced

Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections. Begins January 14.

Sewing for Beginners

Learn a new skill and help tackle period poverty by learning how to make a reusable menstrual pad. In partnership with Help a Girl Out. The January 11 and February 1 sessions will be at Sherwood Branch and March 5 at Beaty Branch.

Urdu Social

A meaningful social to meet new people, discuss current events and share life experiences.

English Conversation Circle: Intermediate / Advanced

Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections. Begins January 16.

Register for these exciting programs!

Thursdays

Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 13
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Third Moon Brewery

Podcasts and Pints

Like a book club, but for podcasts! This club meets every month at Third Moon Brewery for great discussions for podcast lovers and new podcast listeners. Please note: no requirement to purchase a beverage or consume alcohol.

Jan 17 - Feb 1

Sherwood Branch

Tech Through the Ages - Exhibit **170**

Explore the evolution of technology throughout the ages as part of MPL's 170th Anniversary celebrations. In partnership with the Milton Historical Society.

January 18

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Honey Tasting Extravaganza with Backed by Bees

A sensory experience featuring various types of honey. Learn about honey production, different flavors, and the importance of bees in honey creation. All ages.

Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 5, 23

Various Times
Sherwood Branch

Seeds of Change

Learn how to grow plants and vegetables year-round in this workshop series supporting the 2025 Seed Giveaway.

Jan 19 & 26

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Artist in Residence: Collage Journals - Visual Diaries

Participants will create their own collage journal. Collage journaling is a form of self-expression that involves combining various visual and physical elements—images, words, textures and materials—into a journal or art book.

Mondays

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

English Conversation Circle: Advanced

Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections. Begins January 20.

January 22

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Financial Tips and Secrets Smart Canadians Know

Everything new Canadians need to know about banking, taxes and credit. This session is provided by CPA Canada.

January 22

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

The Show Must Go On - Entertainment, Arts and Culture in Milton **170**

An evening exploring the rich history of arts and culture in Milton and how traditions and cultural movements have shaped our community's identity over time. In partnership with the Milton Historical Society.

January 25

Various Times
Main Library

Doors Open - Milton Public Library **170**

Step inside and explore the hidden gems of MPL with Doors Open! This special event invites you to experience the unique spaces and behind-the-scenes that are rarely accessible to the public.

Various Dates

Various Times
Sherwood Branch

Creative Connections

Learn new techniques while meeting new friends who also share your passion for creativity. No experience required! All levels welcome. Check each listing for project details. \$5 per person.

Tuesdays

Jan 28, Feb 25,
Mar 25
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

The Writer's Circle

The Writer's Circle is about getting together to share what we've written, and be supported in whatever genre is chosen. Occasionally we will welcome guest speakers, but our main goal is to write, write, and write!

January 28

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Drumming and Meditation

Deepen your understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture through music and storytelling in this interactive and enriching drumming experience.

Jan 29, Feb 24, Mar 26

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Various Branches

Alzheimer's Society – On Site

The Alzheimer Society will be on site to answer any questions and connect you with education, supports and community referrals. Drop-in.

Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Wednesdays

Jan 29, Feb 26,
Mar 26
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Bollywood Trivia

Test your knowledge of scenes, plot lines, movie stars, iconic roles, and debut Bollywood films. Bring your family and friends to test your knowledge.

Feb 14 - 21

Sherwood Branch

Celebrating Love – Art Exhibition

Celebrate the beauty, depth and transformative power of love through artist Abiola Idowu's works. Join us for the opening night on February 14 at 6:00 pm!

February 19

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Building Wealth in Canada

Learn ways and options to effectively manage your money in Canada. This session is provided by CPA Canada.

February 19

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Ready, Set, Hold! – Spring 2025 Edition

Learn about and discuss upcoming and new releases, author spotlights, celebrity book club picks, backlist titles, book prizes and more! Leave with new suggestions for your hold list.

Feb 22

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

DIY Banned Book Bookmark

Sew your own fabric bookmark in honour of Freedom to Read week. Learn about what freedom of speech really means. Learn basic sewing machine operation, and how to make different items.

February 22

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Sherwood Branch
& Online

Is Free Speech Really Free?

A thoughtful discussion on the complexities of intellectual freedom in Canada and how the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms relates to the limits on free speech. Facilitated by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Q&A to follow.

Feb 23 & Mar 2

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Artist in Residence: Community Mural Collage - Our Shared Journey

Get ready to unleash your creativity and learn new skills with this upcoming workshop!

February 23

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

I Am Home: A Healing Session with Out Here Healing

In this healing session, Black community members are invited to answer the question: what are some pathways to experience a sense of home? Allies welcome for the first half-hour.

February 28

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Chocolate + Tea Pairing Workshop with Monarch Tea Co.

Finish off your week with an evening with two of life's greatest pleasures: tea and chocolate! Learn how to pair and enjoy different teas and chocolates together with Katie Cyr, Certified Tea Sommelier. \$25 per person.

Saturdays

Mar 1 - 29
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mindful Movement – Learn Tai-Chi with Milton Academy of Martial Arts

A beginner-friendly Tai Chi program designed for any adult, with no prior experience required. 5-week series of classes combines slow, controlled movements with meditation to improve joint flexibility and balance.

March 5

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Seed-Ball Workshop with Conservation Halton

Make a seed-ball and learn about the varieties of seeds that are appropriate for use within the Halton watershed.

Various Dates

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Various Branches

Drop-in Tax Clinics

Free tax-clinic for eligible people to get their tax returns done for free by CRA-vetted volunteers. Walk-in. First come, first served. Check the website for checklist of documentation to bring with you.

March 13

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Bee Conservation and You

Explore the importance of bees in our ecosystems and the critical need for their conservation. Learn about the small but impactful ways you can help protect bee populations and ensure a healthy future for pollinators and the environment.

Register for these exciting programs!

Fridays

Mar 14, 21, 28
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

iPhone and iPad Fundamentals Workshop with Tech Coaches

This hands-on beginner's three session course teaches the essential skills to use your iPhone or iPad confidently. Participants are to bring their own iPhone or iPad for these sessions.

March 15

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Cyanotype with Botanicals Workshop with Art Studio Izza

Learn the traditional cyanotype process while pressing and arranging botanicals to create unique, nature-inspired prints with artist Aditi Ganeev Sangwan of Izza Art. \$5 per person.

March 19

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

What You Need to Know About Taxes

This program provides a comprehensive overview of the Canadian tax system, including why taxes are paid, how they are used, and the different types of taxes. This session is provided by CPA Canada.

March 19

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Endometriosis and Women's Health 101

Learn about endometriosis and its effect on physical and mental health. Hear stories from those with lived experience and get specific knowledge about the importance of menstrual health, well-being, and self-advocacy.

March 21

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

An Evening with Perdita Felicien

An evening of conversation with Perdita Felicien: world champion, Olympian, TV host, speaker and author of the memoir, *My Mother's Daughter*. Explore the book, its themes, ask questions, and get your copy of the book signed!

May 4

Sherwood Branch

Tea Fest

Calling all tea lovers! Save the date for this day-long festival celebrating all things tea!



Services Available with Your Library Card

- **Library of Things and Book Collection:** Borrow sports equipment, gaming consoles, STEAM technology kits, home safety devices, and sensory kits. Explore our book collection which offers a variety of genres for all ages.
- **Printing, Viewing, and Lamination:** Self-serve printing, 3D printing, microfilm viewing (Main Library), and lamination services are available at all locations.
- **Computers and Internet Access:** Borrow laptops, use public computers, and enjoy free Wi-Fi at all branches.
- **E-Resources:** Access eBooks, audiobooks, and learning tools online anytime with your library card.
- **MPL Mobile App:** Search the catalogue, manage your account, and explore reading suggestions from your device with our app, available on the App Store and Google Play.



News and Updates

Library System Upgrade

MPL is upgrading to a new library system launching February 6! Look forward to text notifications, bookmarks for catalogue searches, enhanced reading history, and a seamless mobile app. Some services may be unavailable during the transition from January 27 to February 5, but we appreciate your patience as we bring you a better library experience.



Baby Bee's First Reads

Milton Public Library, in collaboration with Halton Healthcare, and Milton Community Resource Centre, is pleased to continue the Baby Bee's First reads program into 2025 after reaching over 113 families this past year. The program provides families with resources tailored for newborns, with the aim of fostering a love for literacy that will endure throughout their lives.

Milton Public Library's 170th Anniversary

Celebrate MPL's 170th Anniversary on January 25, at all three branches. Enjoy special programs, festivities, and a look back at 170 years of serving the community. Join us to connect, celebrate, and create memories!

Tech Upgrades

Sherwood's Tech Hub is here! Explore Cricut devices, coding kits, multimedia tools, sublimation printing, and more. All branches offer 3D printing, public computers, devices, and free Wi-Fi. MPL connects you to cutting-edge technology!



Library of Things

Explore MPL's Library of Things collection! Test gadgets, learn new skills, borrow sports kits, and much more. Visit beinspired.ca/library-of-things or scan the QR code below to learn more!



Writing Adventures with Gordon Korman



Join us for a captivating day with Gordon Korman, the bestselling author of beloved books like *Swindle*, *Restart*, and *Schooled*. With over 90 books and more than 40 years of writing experience, Gordon will share the story of his journey from teenage writer to literary success at the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton on January 30.

During this engaging presentation, students will:

- Explore the creative process behind Korman’s captivating stories.
- Learn about the inspirations for his unforgettable characters.
- Hear advice for young writers and readers.
- Participate in a Q&A session with the author.

Visit firstontarioartscentremilton.ca to fill out the school performance registration form!

Upcoming Closures

- Wednesday, January 1: New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 20: Staff Town Hall
Branches open at 12:00 pm
- Monday, February 17: Family Day

Scan here for
our full program
calendar:



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

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