

Milton Public Library Celebrates 170 Years of Inspiring the Community

Milton, ON – Milton Public Library (MPL) is proud to announce its 170th anniversary in 2025, celebrating a remarkable legacy of service to the Milton community since its founding as the Mechanics Institute and Library Association in 1855. Over nearly two centuries, MPL has evolved from a small rural library into a dynamic and innovative community hub with three branches, offering resources and services that range from traditional books to digital media, educational programs, and cultural events.

Sarah Douglas-Murray, CEO and Chief Librarian of Milton Public Library, expressed her excitement about this milestone, saying, “This anniversary is not just a celebration of the past 170 years, but also of the library’s unwavering role in shaping the lives of our community members. For generations, MPL has been a space where people come to learn, grow, and connect. As we look back on our history, we are also excited to look forward and continue building a bright future for the library and the Milton community.”

The 170th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Main Branch of Milton Public Library. The event will begin with opening remarks from Sarah Douglas-Murray and Gordon Krantz, Mayor of Milton, as they officially kick off the year-long celebrations. The day will feature a ceremonial cake-cutting, engaging activities for families, and displays that highlight the library’s evolution over the past 170 years. The celebration reflects MPL’s enduring commitment to promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and fostering connections within the community.

In the lead-up to the anniversary, MPL is inviting community members to share their stories about how the library has made a difference in their lives. Patrons can submit a short written quote or a 10–20 second video clip by January 20, 2025. Selected submissions will be featured as part of the library’s year-long campaign celebrating its legacy, and participants will have the chance to win a \$25 Indigo Gift Card.

Throughout 2025, Milton Public Library will continue to celebrate its anniversary with a series of special programs and initiatives designed to honor its past and showcase its vision for the future. These include historical displays, author events, and the launch of the “Bee Inspired Stories” campaign, which will highlight inspiring moments from patrons, staff, and the wider Milton community.

For more information about the 170th Anniversary Celebration on January 25, 2025, and other events planned throughout the year, visit beinspired.ca/mpl-170th-anniversary/ or follow Milton Public Library on social media.

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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 www.beinspired.ca. MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Create. Connect.

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