



# Be Inspired

## Spring 2025



See inside for exciting  
programs and services including:

Early Literacy Programming Including Sensory Storytimes  
Tea Fest at the Sherwood Community Centre  
2nd Annual Mental Health Fair  
Summer Reading Club for All Ages

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# A Message from Our CEO!



As we approach summer, there's no better time to explore everything Milton Public Library has to offer. Whether you're looking for a great summer read, fun activities for all ages, or new ways to access library services, we have something for everyone!

We've upgraded to a new Library System and introduced a redesigned mobile app to make it easier than ever to browse, manage your account, and access digital resources. Explore our catalogue online and download our new app today if you haven't already and **discover** all its features.

Our Library of Things is growing, with dedicated displays now available at our Beaty Branch and Main Library. From household gadgets to park passes, there's something for everyone to borrow and enjoy.

We're also excited to release our Strategic Master Plan for 2025-2029, which will guide our future growth and commitment to Read. Learn. Innovate. Connect. You can view the full plan on our website.

Families visiting the Main Library will love the new furniture in the children's section, creating a fresh, welcoming space for young readers.

Finally, this summer, the TD Summer Reading Club returns with even more fun activities for all ages, and our Read and Ride program will be back, in partnership with the Town of Milton, inspiring a love for reading across the community.

With all of these activities and more planned, we look forward to welcoming you to the library this spring and summer!

Warm Regards,

Sarah Douglas-Murray  
CEO & Chief Librarian



## Tea Fest on May 3 at the Sherwood Community Centre

Tea lovers of all levels, from beginners to aficionados, are invited to celebrate all things tea! Enjoy tastings from 30+ vendors, watch demos, join workshops, explore tea culture, and shop local teas and teawares while connecting with fellow enthusiasts.



## Medicine Learning Garden Reopening – Join Us on May 10

Our Medicine Learning Garden at our Beaty Branch is blooming again! Celebrate its reopening with us on May 10 with fun activities for all ages. Are you a teen interested in volunteering? Help our gardener with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. Visit our website for details on how to get involved!

# Summer Reading Clubs

## Join Us on the Launch of MPL's Summer Reading Clubs!

Join us on June 14th at 1:00 PM at the Main Library for the launch of our Summer Reading Clubs! The event kicks off with a ribbon-cutting, followed by exciting activities like for all ages. Enjoy trivia, language games, take-and-make kits, and fun giveaways. A Milton Transit bus will also be on-site. Don't miss this fun-filled celebration of reading, and community!



## For Children: TD Summer Reading Club

MPL is once again hosting Canada's largest bilingual summer reading program, the TD Summer Reading Club! Kids can track their reading progress using Beanstack challenges, earn rewards, and unlock new levels as they go.

## For Teens: Read, Ride, and Create

Teens can participate through Beanstack and our Read and Ride sticker program (for youth aged 13-16), offering fun incentives for staying engaged.



## For Adults: Read, Learn, Innovate, and Connect

This year, adults will embark on their own reading adventure with a new challenge format. Participants will be completing activities in four categories: Read, Learn, Innovate, and Connect.

Mark your calendars, grab your books, and get ready for a summer full of stories and surprises! Get more details at [beinspired.ca](http://beinspired.ca).

# Children's Storytimes

## Early Literacy Registered Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
Kindergarten Here I Come!	3-4 years	Tuesdays, Thursdays Apr 8 - May 27, Apr 10 - May 29 10:30 am - 11:15 am	Main Library
Babytime	0-12 months	Thursdays Apr 10 - May 29 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Tales for Two	24-35 months	Fridays Apr 11 - May 30 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Sherwood Branch
Register online or in-person. Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays.			



## Drop-In Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
PJ Storytime	2-6 years	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Beaty Branch Main Library Sherwood Branch
Family Storytime	0-6 years	Saturdays 9:45 am - 10:15 am 10:15 am - 10:45 am 10:45 am - 11:15 am	Sherwood Branch Main Library Beaty Branch
ABCs and 123s	2-5 years	Mondays Apr 7 - May 26 10:00 am - 10:45 am  Tuesdays Apr 8 - May 27 10:30 am - 11:15 am  Wednesdays Apr 9 - May 28 10:00 am - 10:45 am	Main Library Beaty Branch Sherwood Branch
Shake Rattle and Read	0-3 years	Mondays Apr 7 - May 26 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Loose Parts Play	3-5 years	Wednesdays Apr 9 - May 28 10:30 am - 11:15 am	Main Library
Parachute Play	3-5 years	Mondays Apr 10 - May 29 11:00 am - 11:30 am  Fridays Apr 11 - May 30 10:30 am - 11:00 am	Sherwood Branch Beaty Branch
Jump, Jam, and Read	2-5 years	Fridays Apr 11 - May 30 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Main Library





# Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

## Mon & Wed

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

## Wed & Thurs

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

## Wednesdays

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Main Library

## Wednesdays

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Wednesdays

Apr 2 - May 21  
6:30 pm - 7:10 pm  
7:10 pm - 8:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## April 4

10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Main Library

## April 4

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## April 4

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Main Library

## April 4

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Multiple Dates

Various Times  
Various Branches

Apr 7 - May 27  
Apr 10 - May 29

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Main + Sherwood

## Mondays

Apr 7 - May 26  
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm  
Main Library

## Tuesdays

Apr 8 - May 27  
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm  
Main Library

## Baby Sing and Connect with EarlyON Milton

This is a sing-a-long, educational parent-child 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.

## Baby Toddler Sing and Play with EarlyON Milton

This is a sing-a-long, educational parent-child 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.

## 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.

## Reading Buddies

This 40 minute program is designed for readers who have learned reading fundamentals but would benefit from additional practice to improve their skills. Participants will be paired with a teen reading buddy,

## Blackout Poetry with Makey Makey

Attention all poets! Join us to create poems out of old book pages and make your poetry interactive using Makey Makey. For children 9-12 years of age.

## PA Day Movie: *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (2024)

It's a PA Day, come join us for a viewing of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (2024, Rated PG). 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.

## Creative Storytelling Workshop with Christy Jordan-Fenton

Join author Christy Jordan-Fenton as she shares the life of Olemaun Margaret Pokiak-Fenton and her time at Residential School through the stories written in *Fatty Legs* and *A Stranger At Home*. For children 8-12 years of age.

## Let's Get Crafty: Spring PA Day Edition

Join us for some creative fun and with your artistic talents in a fun and supportive environment! For children 6-12 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.

## Marvelous Makers

Each week we will try out a new DIY project and make something amazing to keep or share. Participants are invited to bring their creativity and imagination with them. For children 7-12 years of age.

## Game on for Kids!

Drop-in and bring your friends, or make new ones while playing classic board and card games. Checkers, Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble JR, SNAP!, and Crazy Eights, plus lots more. For children 7-12 years of age.

## Sensory Storytime

This storytime features: a smaller number of participants, a visual schedule, sensory toys, and an adapted circle time with stories, rhymes, songs and more. For children 3-5 years of age and their parent or caregiver, but all ages welcome.

# Register for these exciting programs!

## Wednesdays

Apr 9 - May 28  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Main Library

## After School Tech Drop-in

Explore different types of technologies and engage with others who have similar interests. Experience coding, robots, and many other tech gadgets. For children 7-10 years of age.

April 12

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm  
Main Library

## Let's Do the Bunnyhop!

Join us for a fun-filled storytime where we'll hop into the magical world of bunnies! Your little ones will be enchanted by these sweet tales, complete with songs and activities. For children 3-7 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

April 12

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Saturday Movie Afternoon: *Hop* (2011)

Just in time for Easter, come join us for a viewing of *Hop* (2011, Rated G). Feel free to bring your own drinks (preferably water) in a spill proof container. Parents must remain in the room with their child/ren.

## Sundays

Apr 13, 27, May 11,  
25, Jun 15, 29  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## 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.

## Sundays

Apr 13, May 18,  
Jun 8  
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.

April 19

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm  
Main Library

## Earth Day Storytime

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, we invite you to join us for stories, songs, activities, and an earth friendly craft. For children 3-9 years and their parent or guardian.

Apr 22 - May 27  
Apr 24 - May 29

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Various Branches

## 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.

## Fridays

Apr 25, May 23,  
Jun 20  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Main Library

## Kerry's Place Drop-in

Kerry's Place is Canada's largest Autism services provider to children, teenagers, adults, and families. Receive individualized, short-term support from their expert Autism Consultants.

## Saturdays

Apr 26, May 31,  
Jun 28  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Main Library

## Look Like Me, Read Like Me with Halton Black Voices

This program will offer kids the chance to see themselves in the stories they hear in order to foster confidence, imagination, and a love for reading and writing. For children 4-8 years of age.

April 26

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Main Library

## The Science of Bees

Facilitated by Backed by Bees, this workshop is dedicated to the importance of solitary bees, and their unique behaviours. Join us and learn about bees while building simple solitary bee houses. For children 8-12 years of age.

May 1

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Turning Journaling into Story Writing with Ambreen Butt-Hussain

Join Ambreen for a fun and interactive session about turning journaling into story writing. Ambreen will read a chapter from *The Unlovable Alina Butt*. For children 9-12 years of age.

May 1

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Main Library

## Drawing from Nature with Sid Sharp

Join author illustrator Sid Sharp, for a workshop where we look at the pieces of nature that exist all around us and explore ways to lovingly document, preserve, and care for the things we find. For children 7-11 years of age.

## Tuesdays

May 6 - Jun 10  
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Story Science

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

# Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

<p>May 10 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Beaty Branch</p>	<p><b>Tour of the Beehives</b></p> <p>Join us for a tour of the Beaty Hives by Luc, the Beekeeper, from Humble Bee. For all ages.</p>
<p>May 10 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Main Library</p>	<p><b>Tea for You and Me</b></p> <p>It's time to celebrate our amazing mothers and caregivers who inspire us every day. Join us for a cozy afternoon filled with tea, treats, and engaging activities. For children 3-11 years of age and their parent or caregiver.</p>
<p>Thursdays May 15 - Jun 5 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Beaty Branch</p>	<p><b>Little Sparks of Kindness Crew</b></p> <p>Join this fun and engaging club where participants learn the power of kindness through stories, activities, and hands-on projects that inspire compassion and friendship. For children 6-12 years of age.</p>
<p>June 6 10:30 am - 11:30 am Beaty Branch</p>	<p><b>LEGO® Drop-in</b></p> <p>Ready! Set! Build! Come hangout at the library and put your LEGO skills to work. Build and create with your fellow LEGO-maniacs. For children 5 - 12 years of age, accompanied by an adult.</p>
<p>June 6 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Beaty Branch</p>	<p><b>PA Day Movie: <i>Raya and The Last Dragon</i> (2021)</b></p> <p>It's a PA Day, come join us for a viewing of <i>Raya and The Last Dragon</i> (2021, Rated PG). 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.</p>
<p>June 7 &amp; 21 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Main Library</p>	<p><b>Rainbow Reads Storytimes</b></p> <p>Celebrate love, family, and identity in this inclusive program! Enjoy stories about diverse families and self-expression, sing songs, and create a colorful craft. For children 3-8 years, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.</p>
<p>June 15 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Main Library</p>	<p><b>Dad's Day Storytime</b></p> <p>Join us and celebrate the important fathers, father figures, or other important family members in your life. For children 3-8 years of age and their parent or caregiver.</p>
<p>June 15 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Main Library</p>	<p><b>Dadventures and Dragons!</b></p> <p>Embark on an unforgettable Dungeons &amp; Dragons adventure designed for fathers/caregivers and their kids! For children 10-12 years of age and their parent or caregiver.</p>



## 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, AVE tablets, 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.

# Teen Programs (13 to 17 years)

## Tuesdays

Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Thursdays

Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## April 4 & May 17

Various Times  
Main Library

## April 5

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## April 7

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Main Library

## April 8

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

## April 10

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Main Library

## April 10

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Thursdays

Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Fridays

Apr 11, May 2, 9, 16,  
30, Jun 6  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Main Library

## April 12

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Main Library

## Mondays

Apr 14, 28, May  
12, 26  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Main Library

## April 16

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Warming Hands

In Canada, we can always use a little extra warmth. In this program we'll learn how to knit fingerless gloves. All supplies will be provided.

## Teen Advisory Committee

For members of the Teen Advisory Group only. Members advise on the current needs of youth as well as how MPL can work towards fulfilling these needs, assist with programs, and advocate on behalf of MPL within their teen communities.

## 3D Printing Workshop

Patrons will design a keychain with their name on it in Tinkercad 3D Design space.

## Paint Afternoon

An afternoon of painting fun. Leave with your finished masterpiece. For Teens and Adults. All supplies provided. \$5.00 per person. Please note we will be painting the same picture as in the previous program on November 9, 2024.

## Write for Rights

Teens will view a short video synopsis on highlighted cases from Amnesty International. They will then write a letter to help the cause. Participants are eligible to earn volunteer hours.

## The Secrets to Scholarship Research & Writing

This presentation by Dr. Christopher Grafos will help empower attendees with information to find and win scholarships for post-secondary education. Teens and parents are welcome to attend.

## Project Pen Pal

Project Pen Pal 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.

## Siblings Forever: Friendship Bracelets

For National Siblings Day on April 10, show the world you're friends as well as siblings and drop in at the library to make friendship bracelets to swap with each other. For ages 5-17, children 10 and under must be supervised.

## 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.

## Super Smash Bros Drop-In

An opportunity to show your Super Smash Bros gaming skills to your friends and peers and enjoy playing on the big screen.

## Earth Day Trashion Show

Participate in our Trashion show! Use (clean) trash and recyclables to create your own clothes and accessories, and then do a little turn on the catwalk (not a real catwalk) and show them off! Prizes for the most creative and stylish couture.

## Threaded Totes

Learn the basics of cross-stitch embroidery. Participants will practice stitching techniques and create their own embroidered design on a tote bag to take home. All materials provided—just bring your creativity! Beginners welcome.

## White Pine Book Club

The White Pine Award™ from the Forest of Reading program offers teens of all ages the opportunity to read the best of Canada's recent young adult fiction titles.



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April 17

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

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April 19

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Beaty Birdhouses

As a way to make our Medicine Learning Garden more welcoming to the feathered members of the Milton community, we're going to design and decorate birdhouses which will be placed in the garden. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Wednesdays

Apr 23 - May 28  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Main Library

## True Crime Teens: Current Events Podcast Club

By listening to podcasts on current events, participating in discussions, and championing for policy change by writing advocacy letters, participants will develop critical thinking skills and deepen their understanding of global issues.

Thursdays

Apr 24, May 22, Jun 5  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

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

Teens vs seniors at our monthly board game night – who will win? Teens who register and attend are eligible to collect their Community Volunteer Hours.

Saturdays

Starting Apr 26  
Various Times  
Beaty Branch

## Garden Volunteers

Did you know that our Beaty Branch is home to our Medicine Learning Garden? The garden will require care all summer long, so we are looking for teen volunteers to assist our gardener with maintenance.

Wednesdays

Apr 30 - Jun 18  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Main Library

## Dungeons & Dragons

Have you always wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons? Join our Dungeon Master as he hosts this beginner friendly DnD campaign! Participants will create Dungeons and Dragons characters and play through a fantastic adventure!

May 3

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Free Comic Book Day

Let's celebrate all things comic at the library, where every day is free comic book day. Borrow a graphic novel, test your comic trivia knowledge, do some fun activities. Drop-ins welcome, especially with costumes. Excelsior!

May 10

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## 2nd Annual Youth Mental Health Fair

Join MPL and local community groups for a Youth Mental Health Fair aimed at bringing people together to learn about local mental health resources for youth. This event is free and drop-ins are welcome.

Sundays

May 11 - 25  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Illustrating Graphic Novels Workshop for Teens

In this three-week course, students will learn essential techniques for creating graphic novels, including character design, layout, and world-building. This workshop will be led by artist Sima Naseem.

Saturdays

May 17, 31 Jun 14  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Stitched Greeting Cards

Join us as we create stitched greeting cards.

May 24 & 31

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Air Dry Clay Pottery

Come and make your own creation out of air dry clay. No kiln required! For ages 11-17.

June 12

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Main Library

## Pride Bracelets

Celebrate Pride by creating a pride flag themed bracelet for yourself or a friend! Materials can be picked up from any of our three locations during June. You can make it yourself at home, or drop-in at the library on June 12.



# Adult Programs (18 years and over)

April 1 10:00 am - 4:00 pm FirstOntario Arts Centre	<b>2nd Annual Job Fair</b> Join us at the Job Fair to connect with top employers, explore exciting career opportunities, and network with professionals from various industries.
Various Dates 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Main Library	<b>Tech Introduction - 3D Printing with TinkerCAD</b> Learn how to create your own 3D print files using TinkerCAD.
Tuesdays Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Sherwood Branch	<b>Fabrication Frenzy</b> Featuring a different fabrication technique each month. Learn a new skill or brush up!
Tuesdays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Main Library	<b>English Conversation Circle: Basic, Intermediate / Advanced, &amp; Advanced</b> Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections.
Various Dates Various Times Various Branches	<b>Creative Connections</b> Learn, develop and explore various crafting techniques.
Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Main Library	<b>Milton Knitting Circle</b> A weekly knitting group for all levels.
Apr 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, Jun 12, 26 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Beaty Branch	<b>Hindi Social</b> A meaningful social to meet new people, discuss current events and share life experiences.
Thursdays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sherwood Branch	<b>English Conversation Circle: Intermediate</b> Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections.
Fridays 10:00 am - 11:00 am Sherwood Branch	<b>Movement, Memory and Mindfulness</b> Experience the synergy of chair yoga, memory enhancement, and mindfulness in a single session. Registration is \$5 per session.
Fridays Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Online	<b>Tech Talk</b> Join Tech Coaches for this monthly virtual seminar covering various technology-related topics.
April 4 & April 25 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Various Branches	<b>Tax Clinic</b> First come, first-served. Must bring identification and all documents. Last intake: 2:30 pm.
Fridays 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Main Library	<b>Senior Social</b> Drop-in and connect with old friends and meet new ones while playing cards and board games, sharing laughter, reminiscing, and more.
April 5 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Sherwood Branch	<b>Seeds of Change – Small Space Gardening</b> Learn how to create a garden even in the smallest of spaces. Part of MPL's 2025 Seed Giveaway initiative.

# Register for these exciting programs!

**April 6**

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Tuesdays**

Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

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Apr 8, May 6, Jun 3  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

**Wednesdays**

Apr 9, May 7, Jun 4  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Main Library

**April 9**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Thursdays**

Apr 10, May 8, Jun 10  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Thursdays**

Apr 10, May 8, Jun 5  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

**Tuesdays**

Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Thursdays**

Apr 10, May 15,  
Jun 12  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Tuesdays**

Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Thursdays**

Apr 24, May 22, Jun 19  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

**April 26**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

**Mondays**

Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

## Palettes and Prose

Explore the world of poetic expression, blending visual art with the beauty of words. Using acrylics, create your canvas while drawing inspiration from poetry, allowing art and language to intertwine in a deeply personal, creative experience.

## Tech Introduction – Mug Press

Learn how to design and print custom mugs using the mug press machine.

## Cook the Book

Each month, participants dive into a new title, share recipes, and connect over their love of cooking and reading.

## Tech Introduction – Linoleum Printing

Learn how to design your own stamp and create your own prints.

## Sewing for Beginners

This workshop will familiarize participants with sewing machines, teach them basic techniques, and guide them as they make a reusable menstrual pad from scratch.

## Halton Community Legal Services On-Site

Free legal help! Stop by and speak with a lawyer or paralegal from Halton Community Legal Services (HCLS) about your problem.

## Urdu Social

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

## Tech Introduction – Sublimation Printer

Learn how to use a sublimation printer by designing and creating your own tote bag.

## Mindful Meet-Up

Learn and discuss techniques to cultivate present moment awareness, reduce stress, and enhance overall well-being.

## Tech Introduction – Cricut

Learn how to use the cricut.

## New Roots, New Recipes

Discover new recipes using Canadian ingredients. Cooking demo by The Joyce of Cooking.

## Sew Inspired – Cone Pot Holders

Learn how to use a sewing machine and create your own cone pot holders.

## Film Club

Instead of books, a club for film lovers to meet others, discuss and share their thoughts about each month's film selection.

# Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Fridays

May 2 - 23  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

May 3

10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sherwood  
Community Centre

May 4

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

May 5

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Main Library

May 7

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

May 9

11:00 am -  
12:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

May 10

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

May 13

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

Sundays

May 18, Jun 15  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

May 23

TBD  
Sherwood Branch

May 31

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

June 4

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Beaty Branch

June 4 & 18

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Main Library

## Caring with Confidence – Dementia Education Workshop

A 4-part in-person learning series designed specifically for care partners and friends of those living with dementia. Call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 314 or email [cait.bowie@alzda.ca](mailto:cait.bowie@alzda.ca) to register.

## 2nd Annual Tea Fest

Celebrate the history and culture of tea with local tea vendors, hands-on workshops, demonstrations and more!

## Dear Inner Child... Journaling Workshop

This interactive workshop blends nostalgia, reflection, and creative exploration to help you nurture your inner child and invite more lightness into your life.

## Ready, Set, Hold! - Summer 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.

## Drumming and Meditation

An evening of music and mindfulness with Kristin Tyrer.

## Restorative Meditation

Let go of stress in this special class led by Milton Academy of Martial Arts.

## Pollinator Gardening with Humble Bee

Learn how to design and cultivate the perfect pollinator garden for your outdoor space.

## Cyanotype Photographs Workshop

Learn the art of creating stunning blue-toned prints using sunlight and photosensitive materials.

## Antakshari

A lively and engaging way to enjoy music, meet new people and test your knowledge of popular tunes!

## Diabetes Health Fair

Learn about managing and preventing diabetes. Discover resources, products, and support to help you take control of your health and well-being.

## Sew Inspired –Bucket Hats

Learn how to make your own bucket hat.

## Bollywood Trivia

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

## Book Arts Circle – Drop-In

Relaxed and creative space to explore the art of bookbinding, paper crafting, and other book-related crafts. All levels welcome.



# Register for these exciting programs!

June 7

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Beaty Branch

## Garden Walk + Medicine Bag Workshop

Walk through the Medicine Learning Garden and learn about the plants and their properties before creating a medicine bag.

June 8

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Cyanotype Scarves

Hands-on workshop making your own fashion scarf.

Fridays

June 13, 20, 27  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Sherwood Branch

## Android Fundamentals: A Hands-On Beginner's Course

This hands-on beginner's course teaches the essential skills to use your Android device (phone, tablet, laptop) confidently. Participants are to bring their own Android device for these sessions.

## 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 range 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.

# One Book, One Milton 2025

## An Evening with Heather O'Neill

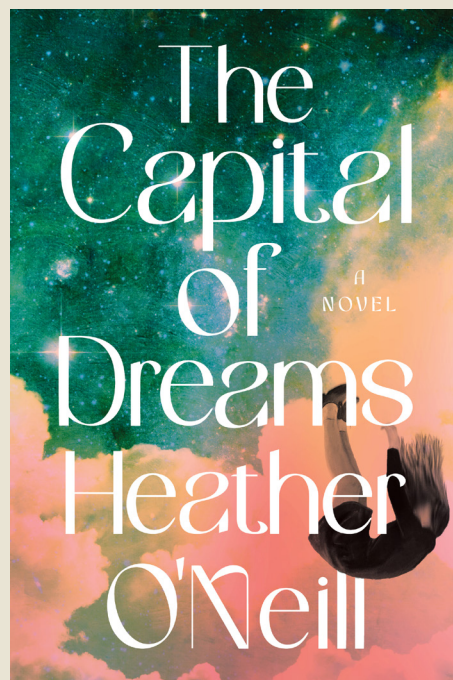
Milton Public Library proudly presents An Evening with Heather O'Neill, celebrating her stunning new novel, *The Capital of Dreams*.

Join us on Wednesday, October 8, at 7PM EST at the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton for this special conversation where Heather will share the inspirations behind *The Capital of Dreams*, her writing process, and her thoughts on the magic and meaning of storytelling. Whether you're a lifelong fan or discovering her work for the first time, this evening promises to be a celebration of creativity, connection, and the power of a great story.

*The Capital of Dreams* is a dystopian fairytale about an idyllic country ravaged by war—and a girl torn between safety and loyalty. Heather reveals once again that she is a master of language that is as delicious as cake and serious as a gunshot.

Now in its twelfth year, One Book, One Milton continues to be Milton Public Library's signature annual program having played host to some of Canada's greatest authors and icons. MPL is honoured to add Heather O'Neill and her novel *The Capital of Dreams* to this incredible list.

Get more details at: [beinspired.ca/one-book-one-milton](https://beinspired.ca/one-book-one-milton) or visit any MPL branch near you!



## About the Author

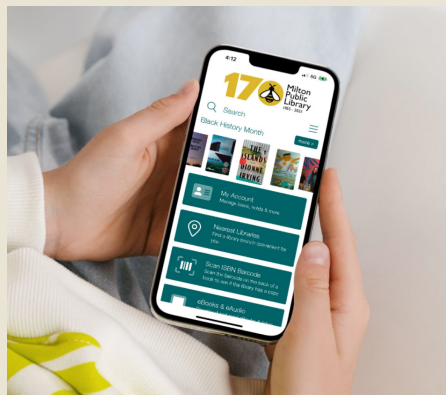
Heather O'Neill is a novelist, short-story writer and essayist. Her previous works include *When We Lost Our Heads*, which was a #1 national bestseller and a finalist for the Grand Prix du Livre de Montréal, and *The Lonely Hearts Hotel*, which won the Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction and was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction and CBC's Canada Reads, as well as *Lullabies for Little Criminals*, *The Girl Who Was Saturday Night*, and *Daydreams of Angels*, which were shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, the Orange Prize for Fiction and the Scotiabank Giller Prize two years in a row. O'Neill has also won CBC's Canada Reads and the Danuta Gleed Award. Born and raised in Montreal, she lives there today.



# News and Updates

## Strategic Master Plan 2025-2029

MPL has released its Strategic Library Master Plan 2025-2029, a roadmap for our future growth and our renewed commitment to inspire our community to Read, Learn, Innovate, Connect. Read the full plan on our website and discover what's next for your library!



## New Mobile App

MPL has introduced a redesigned mobile app to make managing your account, browsing the catalog, and accessing digital resources easier than ever! If you haven't yet, download the app today and explore all the features designed to enhance your library experience.

## Bringing Books to the Special Care Nursery

Families with newborns in the Special Care Nursery at Milton District Hospital now have bedside books to share! Donated by Milton Public Library, these books help promote early literacy and strengthen family bonding during this special time.

## MPL Partners with Ontario Libraries to Enhance Digital Access!

Milton Public Library has joined a Reciprocal Lending Agreement for OverDrive with several Ontario libraries, expanding access to eBooks and audiobooks. Patrons can now borrow digital materials from Burlington, Hamilton, Kingston Frontenac, London, Mississauga, and Ottawa Public Libraries. Enjoy a wider selection of digital materials and discover new reads!

## AWE Tablets – Learning Made Fun!

Encourage your child's love for learning with our AWE tablets, available at all MPL branches! These interactive tablets are preloaded with over 75 educational programs covering math, reading, and problem-solving. Plus, six new AWE desktop stations are now available at our Main Library! Stop by and check one out today!

## Read and Ride Returns in 2025!

Our Read & Ride program is also returning this year. In partnership with Milton Transit, MPL provides youth aged 13-16 with free bus rides, just show your validated library card when boarding. Visit our website for more details.





## Upcoming Closures

- Friday, April 18: Good Friday
- Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 21: Easter Monday
- Monday, May 5: Staff Town Hall  
Branches open at 12:00 pm
- Monday, May 19: Victoria 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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