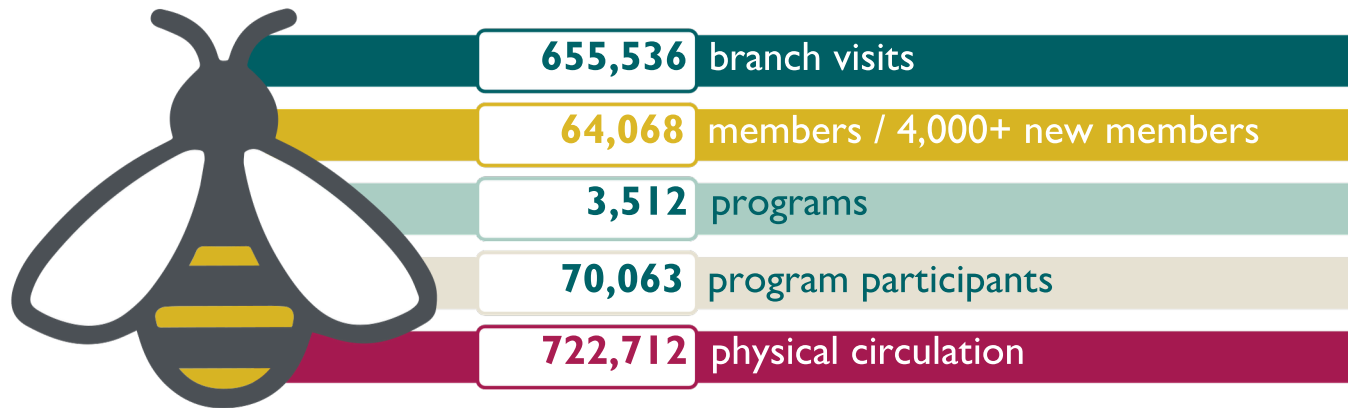


2025 REPORT

Our Story
Written Together



2025 AT A GLANCE



Sarah Douglas-Murray
Chief Executive Officer

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Milton Public Library continues to grow alongside our community.

In 2025, we welcomed more than 4,000 new members and saw strong engagement across our spaces, programs, and digital services. This year also marked a significant milestone, 170 years of library service in Milton. It reflects the library's long-standing role in supporting learning, connection, and community.

We are grateful for the continued support of the Town of Milton, whose investment allows us to expand access, strengthen services, and respond to the needs of a rapidly growing community.

Together with our partners, we remain committed to creating inclusive, welcoming spaces where everyone can learn, connect, and belong.



Sana Malik
Board Chair

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Milton Public Library continues to play an essential role in the life of our community.

In 2025, the library demonstrated strong stewardship and a strong commitment to serving residents at every stage of life.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank staff, volunteers, partners, and the Town of Milton for their continued support.

Together, we are ensuring that the library remains a cornerstone of connection, learning, and opportunity for all.



89% of participants rated programs at the highest level



Diwali Food Drive

Collected over 300 kg of non-perishable food to support Food for Life.



Fill-a-Crib Campaign

Thanks to the generous donations of the community, MCRC was able to reach their goal of filling over 100 cribs.



Menstrual Equity Campaign

Collected 172 units of menstrual products in partnership with Help A Girl Out.



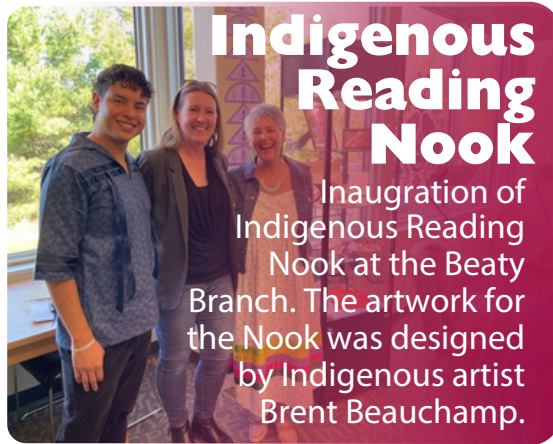
Supporting Early Literacy

Partnered with Milton District Hospital to launch a Special Care Nursery Early Literacy Library!



Indigenous Reading Nook

Inauguration of Indigenous Reading Nook at the Beaty Branch. The artwork for the Nook was designed by Indigenous artist Brent Beauchamp.



TeaFest

Over 2,000 attendees enjoyed teas from around the world from over 30 vendors.



Indigenous Veterans Day

The event brought together local dignitaries, veterans, students and members of the community.



Job Fair

Held for students, recent grads, or anyone seeking flexible work. Over 500 graduates and job seekers attended.



Summer Reading Club for all Ages

Engaged 14,000+ participants through outreach, reading challenges, programs, events, and community-wide engagement.



Children



Teens



Adults



Zain Bandali



Perdita Felicien



David A. Robertson



Milton Public Library
Be Inspired
Writing Adventures with
Gordon Korman



Gordan Korman



Heather O'Neill



COLLECTIONS & USE



Residents
saved

\$8,964,449 through
borrowing

1,767 interlibrary loan requests filled for MPL patrons

3,501 device loans supported access to technology

71,713 total holds filled

85,133 collection items used in-house

DIGITAL ACCESS



301,820 unique website visitors

342,168 app page views

320,780 e-resources usage

LIBRARY OF THINGS



Expanded access to tools, including experiences,
across all three branches Includes:

- Nintendo Switch 2
- Ukuleles
- Loom kits
- Boombox CD players
- Tools and equipment

**"I was able to borrow
something I couldn't afford
to buy." — Milton Resident**





SPACES THAT CONNECT

- Children's areas were redesigned to support play-based learning and discovery.
- Gaming computers created a welcoming space for patrons of all ages.
- The Indigenous Nook created space for reflection and cultural awareness.
- New AWE Early Literacy Tablets introduced interactive tools to support early literacy and school readiness.
- Launched Hold Lockers at the Milton Sports Centre and Mattamy National Cycling Centre for convenient pickups and returns.

"There's something here for everyone in our family." — Milton Parent

VOLUNTEERS



Over 360 youth volunteers contributed more than 3,000 hours supporting programs, garden upkeep, and community initiatives.

"It feels good to give back to a place that gives so much."

— Youth Volunteer

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COLLECTION

Through a Diversity Audit, staff reviewed 15,000 items and identified 6,700 titles that reflect diverse voices and perspectives.

This work supports a more inclusive collection, alongside continued growth in multilingual materials to serve Milton's diverse community.

MOST READ BOOKS



- *The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown
- *Dog Man* by Dave Pilkey
- *Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins

"I always find something new to read here." — Library Patron



Milton Public Library thanks our supporters and partners

FUNDING & SUPPORT

Milton Public Library gratefully acknowledges the support of:

The Town of Milton
The Government of Ontario
The Government of Canada

IMPACT OF FUNDING

New Horizons for Seniors Program

Expanded programs supporting connection and well-being for older adults.

Canada Post Community Foundation

Enhanced sensory-friendly programming for children and families.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

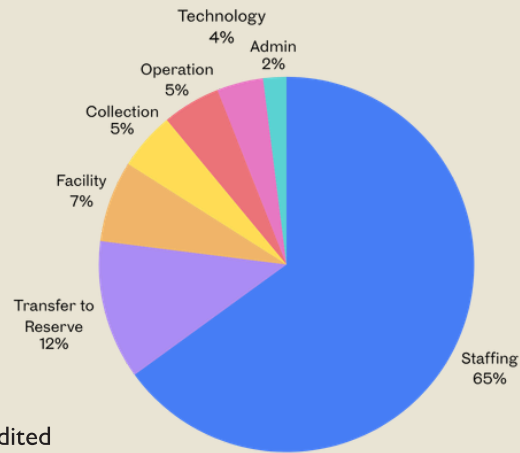
Supported environmental initiatives including pollinator kits and outdoor learning.

MPL worked with 75 community partners to deliver programs that supported Milton residents.



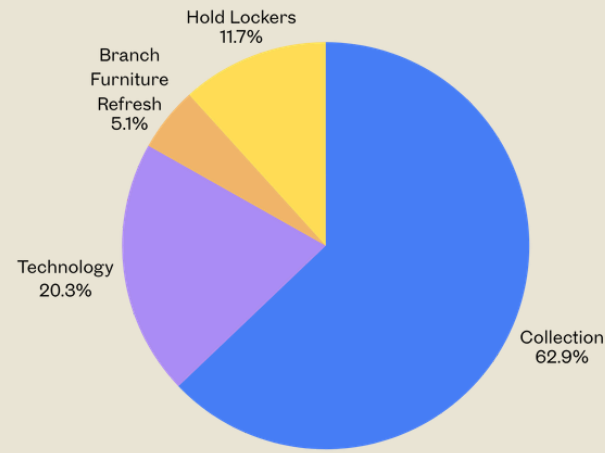
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW*

2025 Operating Expense



*Unaudited

2025 Capital Investments



Main Library

1010 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario L9T 6H7

Sherwood Branch

6355 Main Street West, Milton, Ontario L9T 2Y1

Beaty Branch

945 Fourth Line, Milton, Ontario L9T 6P8

Hold Lockers

Milton Sports Centre and Mattamy National Cycling Centre



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