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Winter 2026



See inside for exciting programs, services and updates including:

Women's Fair
March Break Programs
New! Tech Hub
New! Gaming Computers
New! Children and Teen Materials Go Fine-Free

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A Message from Our CEO!



Happy New Year to all our Milton Public Library members and supporters. As we begin 2026, I'm pleased to share several important updates and initiatives for the first quarter.

In the coming months, we will begin planning work on an exciting new project at the Beaty Branch as we prepare to introduce a dedicated Makerspace. More news about the Makerspace will be shared in the months ahead.

As of January 2, 2026, MPL has removed overdue fines on Children's and Teen books and audio-visual materials, and cleared all existing fines on these materials. Replacement fees still apply. Visit beinspired.ca to learn more about this exciting change.

Q1 also brings our annual Women's Fair, an event that help connect community members with valuable opportunities, resources, and local organizations.

Families can look forward to a full lineup of engaging March Break programs across our branches, offering creativity, learning, and fun for all ages.

We have also introducing new technology enhancements, including the Tech Hub at Sherwood and new gaming computers that support digital literacy, exploration, and play. These additions reflect our commitment to expanding access to innovative tools and experiences.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you throughout the season.

Warm Regards,
Sarah Douglas-Murray
CEO, Milton Public Library

News and Updates



Indigenous Initiatives at Beaty Branch

MPL has launched its Indigenous Bee Logo, redesigned by Onondaga/ Anishinaabe artist Brent Beauchamp, along with the Indigenous Reading Nook at the Beaty Branch, featuring Woodland Cultural Centre artifacts and artwork celebrating Indigenous stories and history.



Technology Recycling Bins

We've partnered with Let's Get Together to make technology recycling easier and more sustainable. Each branch now has a green bin where you can drop off old or unwanted devices. These items will be refurbished or responsibly recycled.



Gaming Computers

Eight new gaming computers at the Main Library, and two at the Beaty Branch are now available. Stop by to enjoy faster performance, enhanced graphics, and an upgraded experience for gaming, creativity, and learning.



Tech Hub

Unlock your creativity at MPL's Tech Hub at the Sherwood Branch. With access to Cricut machines, 3D printing, sewing equipment, and heat-press tools, you'll find everything you need to design, build, and experiment.

Children's Storytimes

Early Literacy Registered Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
One is Wonderful	12-23 months	Mondays Jan 5 - Feb 23 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Tales for Two	24-35 months	Tuesdays Jan 6 - Feb 24 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Beaty Branch
Babytime	0-12 months	Thursdays Jan 8 - Feb 26 10:00 am - 10:45 am	Main Library
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 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 Jan 5 - Feb 23 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Main Library
Jump, Jam and Read	2-5 years	Fridays Jan 9 - Feb 6, 20, 27 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Main Library
Sunday Family Storytime	0-6 years	Sundays Jan 4 19 - Mar 29 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Main Library



Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

Multiple Dates Various Times Various Branches	**Play Hive** Come for Storytime and stay for Play Hive, a chance to meet other families in the community while playing with our toys and materials. For children up to 6 years of age, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.
January 4 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Main Library	**National Ribbon Skirt Day Storytime** Join us for this special storytime featuring "Raven's Ribbons" by Tasha Spillet-Sumner to learn about the importance of the ribbon skirt in Indigenous culture. For children 4 to 6 years of age and their parent or caregiver.
Mondays Jan 5 - Feb 9 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Main Library	**Advance your Coding Skills** Grow your coding skills and take your game creation to the next level! Perfect for kids with some coding experience. For children 9 - 12 years of age
Tuesdays and Wednesdays Jan 6 - Feb 25 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Main Library Sherwood Branch	**Kindergarten Here I Come!** For children 3-5, starting Kindergarten in September. Join us as we practice our kindergarten skills through stories, songs and activities.
Tuesdays Jan 6 - Feb 24 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM Sherwood Branch	**Sensory Play and Circle** A storytime for children ages 3 to 5, who thrive better in small groups. Stories, songs, rhymes and sensory play activities.
Tuesdays Jan 6 - Feb 17 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Marvelous Makers** Get creative each week with fun DIY projects! Try painting, paper crafts, upcycling, and more. Just bring your imagination and we'll supply the rest. For children 7-12 years of age.
Wednesdays 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Beaty Branch	**Baby Sing and Connect with EarlyON Milton** Parents of children 0-12 months are welcome to attend Baby Sing and Connect, a sing-a-long, circle time led by EarlyON Milton.
Wednesdays 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Beaty Branch	**Baby Toddler Sing and Play with EarlyON Milton** Parents of children 0-24 months are welcome to attend Baby Toddler Sing and Play, a sing-a-long, circle time led by EarlyON Milton.
Wednesdays 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Main Library	**Croque après-midi avec On y va Milton** Un moment convivial à la bibliothèque pour les enfants de 0 à 6 ans et leurs parents ou tuteurs : lectures, chansons, comptines et petites activités ludiques pour éveiller les sens et le plaisir des livres.
Thursdays Jan 8 - Feb 26 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Main Library	**Babytime** Sing, clap, bounce, tickle, laugh and read together at babytime! Join us and introduce your baby to the joy of books and reading. For infants 0-12 months of age and their caregiver.
Fridays Jan 9 - Feb 27 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Beaty Branch	**Baby Play Date** Parents of infants 0 to 18 months, are invited to read, play and sing together during a Baby Play Date meet-up.
Sundays Jan 11, Mar 8 2:00 PM - 2:40 PM Main Library	**Mandarin Storytime** Join us once a month for a storytime in Mandarin facilitated by the Milton Chinese Canadian Association. Suitable for Mandarin speakers. For children 4 - 10 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
Thursdays Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Strawbees Build it Lab: Create, Invent, Engineer** Build, explore, and create with Strawbees, a hands-on building set for making movable 3D structures and models. For children 9-12 years of age.

Register for these exciting programs!

Thursdays Jan 22 - Feb 26 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**STEAM Storytime** Introduce your 3-5 year old to simple Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math concepts in this hands on storytime. Parent participation required.
Thursdays Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 19 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Sherwood Branch	**Pokémon League** Come out and join fellow trainers and experience of the fun of everything Pokémon! For children 9-12 years of age.
Saturdays Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Main Library	**Look Like Me, Read Like Me in partnership with Halton Black Voices** Join us for Look Like Me, Read Like Me, facilitated by Halton Black Voices. Kids will have the opportunity to see themselves in the stories that are shared. For children 4-8 years of age.
Sunday January 25 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Main Library	**Family Storytime with Lana Button** Join us for an interactive storytime and enjoy books, songs and activities with your child. Followed by Play Hive. For children 3 - 8 years of age with a parent or caregiver.
Sundays Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Main Library	**Graphic Novel Book Club** Join us once a month to discuss a variety of graphic novels followed by an activity. For children 9-12 years of age.
Monday January 26 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Main Library	**Minecraft: Voyage Aquatic: Hour of Code** Build and explore underwater worlds with Minecraft in this interactive coding program. For children 9 - 11 years of age.
Monday January 26 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Kids in the Kitchen: Rice paper rolls with Joyce of Cooking!** It's Family Literacy Day, so join us with your child and learn how to prepare fresh colourful rice paper rolls with Joyce of Cooking. For children 6 to 12 years of age and a parent or caregiver. One child per adult.
Tuesday January 27 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**The ABCs of Learning to Read** Learning to read is one of the most important milestones in a child's development. Whether your child is just beginning to recognize letters or is starting to read short stories, your support and encouragement can make all the difference.
Fridays Jan 30, Feb 13, Mar 27 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. We help Autistic people participate fully in their community! Drop ins are welcome to get more information regarding services.
Sunday February 08 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Main Library	**Pizza! Storytime** A fun filled Pizza Storytime in to celebrate International Pizza Day on February 9. For children 4 - 6 years of age.
Friday February 13 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Main Library	**Valentines Day card making with the Fancy Folds** Kids are invited to join this special workshop and create a unique Valentine's card for someone special. For children 7 - 9 years of age.
Friday February 13 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM Main Library	**Winter Games** The Winter Games have arrived at MPL. Join us for some indoor fun as we share our spin on some favourite Olympic sports. For children 6-10 years of age.
Sunday February 15 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Main Library	**Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Storytime** Families with children 4 and older are invited to join us for a special Lunar New Year Storytime led by the Chinese Canadian Association of Milton.

Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

Saturday
March 7
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Beaty Branch

Holi Storytime

Celebrate Holi, the festival of colors! Enjoy stories, songs, dancing, a craft, and (weather permitting) throwing powdered colours outdoors. For children 3 to 8 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Thursday
March 12
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Main Library

Ramadan Storytime

Families with children 3-8 years of age are invited to join us for stories, songs, and rhymes for Ramadan.

Saturday
March 14
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Main Library

Aliya's Secret: A story of Ramadan with Farida Zaman

Families with children 4 to 10 are invited to join us as we welcome author illustrator Farida Zaman, who will share Aliya's Secret: A Story of Ramadan, with us.

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!

Vox Books

Join your favourite characters on adventures with VoxBooks' easy to use format featuring traditionally bound books with an attached audio player. Our new VoxBooks are located at our Main Library with our existing Wonderbook collection. With the addition of VoxBooks to our talking book collection, you'll be able to find even more of your favourite authors and characters!



FREE MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS



Monday March 16 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Main Library	**Baby Rave** Join us for the ultimate tiny dancer party and dance, bop, or crawl to the EDM beat!
Monday March 16 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Kids in the Kitchen: Veggie Dumplings with Joyce of Cooking** Join Joyce of Cooking and learn how to prepare veggie dumplings as a simple meal or snack. One child per adult.
Tuesday March 17 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Main Library	**Moon-Sighting STEAM Program** Teach Kids how the lunar calendar works. Using either ozobot steam kit or simple flashlight globe demonstrations to show the phases of the moon.
Tuesday March 17 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Main Library	**Marble Run Mania!** Get ready for some fun! Use your imagination and grab a friend or two, to build an amazing marble run or maze.
Tuesday March 17 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Beaty Branch	" **Mighty Pollinators with Dan the Nature Man** Join Dan the Nature Man and explore the world of pollinators, from bees to butterflies to beetles and even bats.
Tuesday March 17 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM Main Library	**Glow in the Dark Storytime** Join us for a magical glow-in-the-dark storytime! Be sure to wear white or fluorescent colours to see yourself glow!
Wednesday March 18 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Main Library	**Amazing Bugs with Dan the Nature Man** Spiders, insects and more bugs! Join Dan the Nature Man to learn about some of our most amazing "bug" neighbours.
Wednesday March 18 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Main Library	**Build a classic maze: Hour of Code** Explore the basics of coding with characters from Angry Birds, Plants vs. Zombies, along with Scrat from Ice Age! For children 9-11 years of age.
Thursday March 19 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Beaty Branch	**AbraKIDabra Comedy Magic Show with Peter Mennie** Families with children aged 4 and older are invited to join us for a magic show presented by comedy magician Peter Mennie.
Thursday March 19 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Main Library	**Build a Helicopter with LEGO® WeDo 2.0** Participants will build a LEGO® helicopter and then use coding to activate the rotor.
Friday March 20 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Main Library	**DIY Perler Bead Fun!** Use your imagination or a pre-made pattern to create a fun and easy perler bead piece.
Friday March 20 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Flower Power with Dan the Nature Man** Join Dan the Nature Man and discover the world of flowers and pollination.

Teen Programs (13 to 17 years)

Jan 7, 15, Feb 12, 18, Mar 12, 18 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sherwood Branch, Beaty Branch	**White Pine Book Club** The White Pine Award™ invites teens to read and discuss some of Canada's best new YA fiction as part of the Forest of Reading. Book Club members will read 5 of the 10 nominated titles, vote in April, and may earn volunteer hours.
Jan 7, 21, Feb 4, 18, Mar 4, Mar 18 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Main Library	**True Crime Teens: Current Events Podcast Club** A space to explore current issues through podcasts, discussion, and advocacy.Participants (ages 13–17) will build critical thinking skills, write letters to MPs/MPPs, and earn high-school volunteer hours.
Thursdays Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Teen Advisory Committee** Monthly meeting with the Teen Services Librarian, acting as representatives of the larger teen community. Members advise on the current needs of youth as well as how MPL can work towards fulfilling these needs.
Thursdays Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Main Library	**All Together Now: An Intergenerational Games Night for Teens and Seniors** Challenge local seniors to Monopoly, Bingo, card games, and more while learning from seasoned players. Enjoy an evening of fun, connection, and friendly competition—teens ages 13–17 can also earn volunteer hours.
Saturday January 10 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Wacky Water Bottles** We all cannot live without our Stanley Mugs or our water bottles. Come create a unique, one of a kind, tumbler mug which will be fashionable yet functional helping to keep you hydrated.
October-April All Day Event	**White Pine Beanstack Challenge** Discover your next great Canadian read with the Forest of Reading's White Pine program for grades 9–12. Join the Beanstack challenge, read at least 5 of the 10 nominated titles, and vote for your favourite in April.
Various Dates All Branches	**White Pine Beanstack Challenge Reporting Desks** Are you taking part in the White Pine Beanstack Challenge? After finishing one of the 10 nominated titles, show your badge at a service desk to collect the matching Book Token keytag. Collect as many as you'd like.
January 12 - 28 All Branches	**Exam Care** We know exam time is stressful, so while you're studying staff might surprise you with a small gift to help you while you work. Available at all branches, while supplies last.
Thursdays Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Main Library	**Project Pen Pal** Connect with local seniors through meaningful, old-fashioned letter writing, with supplies and optional crafts included. Letters are delivered to retirement homes, and participating high school students can earn volunteer hours.
Thursday January 15 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM Main Library	**Project Pen Pal Meet and Greet** Join fellow Project Pen Pal members for an in-person meetup with snacks and volunteer hours for teen participants.
Jan 19, 21, 22, 23 Various Times Main Library	**Exam Cram** This quiet studyspace is reserved for high school students to study during exam time. Drop-ins welcome.
Tuesdays Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Beaty Branch	**Hand Sewing Basics for Teens** Teens will learn the basics of sewing by hand. Skills covered will include; threading a needle, back stitch, slip stitch, blanket stitch, and cross stitch. All supplies provided.
Wednesdays Feb 4 - Mar 25 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Main Library	**VR Headsets drop-in** Enter new realms with our Virtual Reality Experience. Experience games, adventures, and interactive learning in a whole new way. Try out our Meta Quest 3 virtual reality headsets!

Register for these exciting programs!

Saturday February 7 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Black Brilliance: Making Posters for Black History Month** Celebrate the contributions Black people have made to society; to art, science, sports, culture, the law, and more. Teens are invited to work together to research a Black individual and create a poster about their life. Earn volunteer hours.
Saturday February 7 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Have a Heart: Crochet a Heart Amigurumi** For Valentines Day, be careful who you give your heart to as we learn how to crochet heart-shaped amigurumi, or stuffies.
Monday Feb 9, Mar 16 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Main Library	**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.
Friday February 13 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Spectacular Sharpies Sensations!** What do you think would have happened if Vincent Van Gogh or even Rembrandt used sharpies and rubbing alcohol to create artistic masterpieces? Come unleash your inner artistic talents and come create a bold masterpiece.
Saturday February 14 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Main Library	**Mystique Masquerade: Discovering the Magic of Masks** Teens will learn about the history of masks and will design and create their own unique masks in this fun, hands-on creative workshop.
Thursday Feb 19 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Main Library 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Beaty Branch	**The Secrets to Scholarship Research & Writing** Led by Christopher Grafos, Ph.D. of BridgesEDU, this session empowers families with information to find and secure meaningful scholarship opportunities.
Saturday February 2 Various times Main Library	**Ramadan Escape Room** Celebrate Ramadan with this holiday themed escape room.
Saturday February 21 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Warm up: Crochet a Headband** Learn how to crochet a warm headband for winter with artist Zukhruf Hanif! All supplies provided.
Thursdays Feb 26, Mar 19 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Teens Tech and AI Launchpad** Participants explore real teen-friendly tech roles, learn what employers look for, and start building a simple portfolio to showcase their skills. Fast, hands-on, and practical. No prior tech experience needed.
Thursday March 26 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Intro to Animation: Frame by Frame with Code Ninjas** Bring your drawings to life in this beginner animation workshop, where students explore motion, create key frames, and build simple animations using tools like MakeCode Arcade and Flipanim.
Saturday March 28 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Warm up: Crochet a Mug Cozy** Learn how to crochet a mug cozy to protect your hands with artist Zukhruf Hanif! All supplies provided.



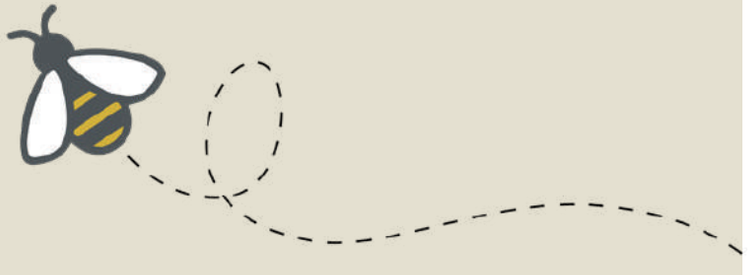
FREE MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS



Mon, Tue, Wed Mar 16, Mar 17, Mar 18 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Essential Wardrobe Sewing Series: Intro to Garment Making workshop 1: Tops** Take your sewing skills further this March Break with our two workshop series. Learn to draft and sew a top (Mar 16–18) and/or a skirt (Mar 19–21), with separate registration required.
Mon March 16 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Main Library	**Book Bedazzling** Does your favourite book need a little bling? We're going to celebrate World Storytelling Day before March 20 by decorating books. Bring a book with you and bedazzle the cover with rhinestones. All supplies provided.
Tue March 17 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Beaty Branch	**Super Shrinkies!** Have you ever wanted to make a one of a kind creation, either earrings or a zipper pull. Come design and create a spectacular creation and then lets shrink it down with our shrinky dink technology.
Thu, Fri, Sat Mar 19, Mar 20, Mar 21 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Essential Wardrobe Sewing Series: Intro to Garment Making workshop 2: Skirts** Take your sewing skills further this March Break with our two workshop series. Learn to draft and sew a top (Mar 16–18) and/or a skirt (Mar 19–21), with separate registration required.
Saturday March 21 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Beaty Branch	**Paint Afternoon** An afternoon of painting fun. Leave with your finished masterpiece. For Teens and Adults. All supplies provided.

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- **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.





Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Jan 4 - Mar 29 Various times Various branches	**Creative Connections** Programs offer a supportive and inclusive environment for creative expression and skill development and include instruction and hands-on activities exploring various technologies such as the Cricut, linocut and more.
Jan 5 - Jan 30 All day All branches	**Valentines for Seniors** Spread kindness by stopping into your local library branch to create a heartfelt Valentine for a local senior.
Jan 6 - Mar 31 Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Living Longer, Stronger - Let's Talk Health and Wellness** A weekly drop-in program covering a wide array of health topics specifically designed to meet the needs of older adults, offering a supportive, personalized approach to aging.
Jan 6, 26, Feb 3, Mar 3, 16, 31 7:00 PM - 8: 30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Cricut Mug Press** Learn how to use the Cricut mug press by designing and making your own mug.
Jan 7 - Mar 25 Wednesdays 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Main Library	**Senior's Social** Drop-in weekly and connect with old friends and meet new ones while playing cards and board games, sharing laughter, reminiscing and more.
Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Main Library	**Milton Knitting Circle** Join the Milton Knitting Circle. Beginners and new faces always welcome.
Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12 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? A conqueror of Bingo? An expert card game player, or just want to learn from some seasoned players? Join us for an Intergenerational Games Night.
Jan 8, Feb 26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Cricut Paper** Learn how to create files and print them on paper using the Cricut.
Fridays, Wednesdays Various Times Sherwood Branch Beaty Branch	**Movement, Memory and Mindfulness** Experience the synergy of chair yoga, memory enhancement, and mindfulness in a single session.
Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Main Library	**Saturday Book Club** Read. Meet. Discuss. Gather with others who also love reading. Registration is for 6 sessions, once per month.
January 11 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Winter Sowing Workshop** Learn techniques and about the benefits of sowing seeds in winter.
Jan 12 - Mar 25 Mondays and Wednesdays Various Times Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Sewing Machine** Learn the basics of setting-up, threading and working a sewing machine.
Jan 13 - Mar 31 Tuesdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Permission to Pause: Artful Stress Relief for Caregivers of Aging Parents or Children with Special Needs or Young Children** Find Your Calm for Caregiving

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Jan 13 - Mar 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Main Library	**Advanced Computer Training with HMC Connections** Join this weekly workshop to learn Essential Computer Skills, Microsoft and Google Tools and Mastering Zoom Meeting Controls
Jan 13 - Mar 31 Tuesdays 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Cultivating Calm: Art Therapy for Self-Care 55+** Life in your adult years is full of wisdom and experience, but it can also bring challenges like family changes, stress, or a desire for deeper self-expression as your life unfolds.
Tuesdays, Thursdays Various times Main Library, Sherwood Branch	**English Conversation Circle - Basic** Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections.
Tuesdays, Thursdays Various times Main Library	**English Conversation Circle - Intermediate/Advanced** Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections.
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Heat Press** Learn how to create sublimation print designs to iron on to clothing and accessories.
Jan 13 - Mar 31 Tuesdays 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Main Library	**English Conversation Circle - Advanced** Join us for an evening with historian and author Jane Thomas as she discusses her powerful book '*Wilful Neglect*'. Book signing to follow. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.
Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Main Library	**Book Arts Circle** This Book Arts Circle (Drop-in provides a relaxed, creative space to explore bookmaking at your own pace
Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Mindful Meet-up** Embark on a journey of self-discovery and inner peace.
Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Beaty Branch	**Career Hour** Career Hour is a welcoming space for newcomers and community members looking to explore career opportunities in Canada.
January 17 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Storytelling - Oral Traditions with Kristi White** Discover the power of Indigenous storytelling with Kristi White, where histories, values, and teachings come alive through oral tradition.
Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 19 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Introduction - 3D Printing with TinkerCAD** Learn how to create your own 3D print file using TinkerCAD.
Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Beaty Branch	**Colour and Calm Art Hive** Enjoy a calm, creative space where you can reduce stress, boost mindfulness, and express yourself through art.
Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Cafe** Free drop-in tech help. Trained volunteers can provide you with one-on-one support to help with navigating your device, using apps, texting, sharing photos, email, internet, online safety and more.

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Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Antakshari** Join us for a fun-filled game of antakshari
Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31 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
Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Fabrication Frenzy** Fabrication Frenzy is a monthly program that introduces participants to a variety of fabrication techniques. Each session offers hands-on experience to learn various fabrication skills.
Jan 29, Mar 5 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Cricut Vinyl** Learn how to create files and print them on vinyl using the Cricut
January 31 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Main Library	**A Regency Celebration of Pride and Prejudice** You are most cordially invited to an afternoon in the company of gentle discourse and genteel amusement, celebrating Miss Jane Austen's inimitable work, Pride and Prejudice.
Feb 2, Mar 2, Mar 30 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Main Library	**Film Club** Watch the selected film and then join us for a lively discussion each month
Feb 5, Mar 26 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sherwood Branch	**Tech Certification - Cricut Fabric** Learn how to print designs on fabric using the Cricut.
February 8 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Chocolate + Tea Pairing Workshop** 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. Special Library Pricing: Cost: $30.00 + tax (33.90) per person
February 19 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Milton Senior's Activity Centre	**Tech Talk - Simple Steps to Protect Your Devices and Privacy Online** You are most cordially invited to an afternoon in the company of gentle discourse and genteel amusement, celebrating Miss Jane Austen's inimitable work, Pride and Prejudice.
February 28 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Main Library	**A Bridgerton Gathering: Benedict Takes the Stage** You are most cordially invited to an afternoon in the company of gentle discourse and genteel amusement, celebrating Miss Jane Austen's inimitable work, Pride and Prejudice.
March and April Various times Multiple Branches	**Drop-in Tax Clinics** Get your taxes done by a volunteer. Free tax clinic offering drop-in help to eligible individuals and families to prepare and file simple income tax returns through the CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP).
March 7 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sherwood Branch	**Women's Fair** The Women's Fair celebrates women with local businesses and resources focused on wellness, connection, and personal growth.
March 9 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Main Library	**Ready, Set, Hold! - New Releases Preview** 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.
Mar 28 - 29 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sherwood Community Centre	**Future House 2026 with Sustainable Milton** Visit Sustainable Milton's homeshow featuring a variety of green products and services at Sherwood Community Centre.

Collections



Hold Lockers

Discover a more convenient way to pick up your library items with MPL's Hold Lockers, available 24/7 at the Milton Sports Centre and Mattamy National Cycling Centre. Whether you're on the go, heading to a game, or stopping by after hours, our lockers make borrowing easier than ever. Simply place your holds, select a locker location, and you'll be notified when your items are ready. Enjoy flexible, self-serve access to books, DVDs, and more. Learn more at beinspired.ca/hold-lockers.

Library of Things Additions

Discover even more ways to play, create, and connect with the newest additions to MPL's Library of Things. We've expanded our collection with a wide range of popular board games for all ages and interests, from strategic favourites like Catan, Wingspan, Carcassonne, and Ark Nova, to fast-paced classics such as Trouble, Sorry!, Scrabble, Family Feud, and Hues and Cues. We're also excited to introduce Miltonopoly, Milton's very own local twist on the beloved game Monopoly, offering a fun way to explore our community. For those looking to try something new, our collection now includes a beginner-friendly crochet kit complete with tools and an introductory guide, perfect for learning a new skill at home. All items are free to borrow with your library card.





Start the New Year with a Journey of Discovery

Whether you're setting travel goals for the year ahead or exploring the world from home, dive into our A to Z World eResources for inspiration:
A to Z World Culture satisfies your curiosity about global history, cultures, languages, religions, and more.
A to Z World Food explores food and culture from around the globe, with traditional recipes from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Browse by country, ingredient, or cuisine.
A to Z World Travel is a comprehensive travel guide offering practical tips for planning trips, discovering destinations, and learning about attractions, neighbourhoods, dining, health, and safety.

Discover What Your MPL Card Can Do



Borrow More Than Books

With your library card, you can borrow more than traditional reading materials. MPL's Library of Things includes sports equipment, gaming consoles, STEAM technology kits, home safety devices, and sensory kits. You also have access to a broad book collection for children, teens, and adults, offering a variety of genres, formats, and interests.

Printing, Making, and In-Library Services

Library cardholders can use self-serve printing, scanning, copying, and lamination services at all MPL locations. The Main Library provides access to microfilm viewing, and 3D printing services are available across branches to support learning, creativity, and hands-on projects.

Computers and Internet Access

Your MPL card provides access to public computers, free Wi-Fi, and in-library borrowing of laptops and AWE children's tablets. These services help support schoolwork, job searching, digital literacy, and everyday online tasks.

Digital Resources Anytime

With an MPL card, you can access a wide range of eResources from anywhere. Borrow eBooks and audiobooks, stream digital content, and use online learning tools anytime using your library card.

Manage Your Account with the MPL Mobile App

The MPL Mobile App lets you search the catalogue, place holds, renew items, manage your account, and discover reading suggestions. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play.

Study and Meeting Spaces

Library cardholders can book group study and meeting rooms at MPL branches. These spaces are suitable for studying, remote work, tutoring, and small group collaboration.

Programs for All Ages

Your library card connects you to a variety of programs for children, teens, adults, seniors, and newcomers. Programs support literacy, learning, creativity, and community engagement throughout the year.

Reciprocal Borrowing with Neighbouring Libraries

Your MPL card also allows you to borrow materials from participating public libraries across Halton, Hamilton, and Wellington counties through reciprocal borrowing agreements. This expands your access to collections beyond MPL, giving you more choice and flexibility when searching for books and other materials.

Getting Your Library Card

An MPL card is free for Milton residents and provides access to resources that support reading, learning, and connection across the community.

Scan to Sign-up for a Free Library Card



Upcoming Closures

Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year's Day
Monday February 2, 2026	Staff Training – Branches open at 12:00 pm
Monday, February 16, 2026	Family Day

Scan here for our full program calendar:

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Hours	Main Library	Sherwood Branch	Beaty Branch	Hold Lockers	
	1010 Main Street East	6355 Main Street West	945 Fourth Line	Milton Sports Centre	Mattamy National Cycling Centre
Mon	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	Closed	6:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Tues	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	10:00 am - 9:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:30 pm
Wed	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	10:00 am - 9:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Thurs	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	10:00 am - 9:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:30 pm
Fri	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	6:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sat	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Sun	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	Closed	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm

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