Milton Public Library
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Be Inspired

Fall 2025



See inside for exciting programs and services including:

Tech Fair
Indigenous Veterans Day
New! Hold Lockers **at two locations**
New! Indigenous Reading Nook

Visit beinspired.ca for more information

A Message from Our CEO!



As we enter the final months of the year, Milton Public Library is proud to offer a variety of programs, services, and collections that inspire our community.

On Saturday, October 4th, we will close the Medicine Learning Garden at Beaty Branch with a traditional Indigenous ceremony featuring reflection, song, and knowledge sharing. Historian Jane Thomas will speak about the legacy of federal health policies shaped without Indigenous voices, and Brent Beauchamp, an Indigenous artist, will unveil the Indigenous Bee logo he created. We are also pleased to open a new Indigenous Reading Nook for the community.

This fall, MPL will also pay tribute to Canada's veterans. On Friday, November 7th, we will host our first Indigenous Veterans Day event to recognize the contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis veterans. Students will take part by researching community stories and creating beaded poppies for a wreath of remembrance. On November 11th, the Librarian team will lead programs that provide opportunities to reflect on and honour the sacrifices of all veterans.

In addition, MPL will mark Red Scarf Day in support of HIV/AIDS awareness and host our annual Tech Fair, showcasing new technologies available through the library.

Finally, we are excited to introduce Hold Lockers at the Milton Sports Centre and Mattamy National Cycling Centre. These self-serve stations give patrons the convenience of picking up holds, browsing a small collection, and returning items outside of traditional branch hours.

Thank you for your continued support in shaping your library.

Warm Regards,

Sarah Douglas-Murray
CEO & Chief Librarian

One Book, One Milton 2025 – October 8

On October 8th, Milton Public Library will host ***An Evening with Heather O'Neill*** at the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton. The award-winning Canadian author will join us to discuss her latest novel, *The Capital of Dreams*. One Book, One Milton is our community-wide reading initiative that brings people together through the shared experience of reading and conversation.

Tickets are available at beinspired.ca



Children's Storytimes

Early Literacy Registered Storytimes

Program	Age	Day & Time	Location
One is Wonderful	12-23 months	Mondays Oct 6 - Nov 24 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Sherwood Branch
Babytime	0-12 months	Tuesdays Oct 7 - Nov 25 10:30 am - 11:00 am	Beaty Branch
Tales for Two	24-35 months	Thursdays Oct 9 - Nov 27 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Beaty 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 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 Oct 6 - Nov 24 10:30 am - 11:15 am	Main Library
Loose Parts Play	3-5 years	Tuesdays Oct 14 - Nov 25 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Main Library
Jump, Jam and Read	2-5 years	Fridays Oct 7, Nov 7, 14, 21 10:00 am - 10:30 am	Main Library
Family Storytime Fridays	6 months-5 years	Fridays Oct 17 - Nov 21 10:30 am - 11:00 am	Beaty Branch
Sunday Family Storytime	0-6 years	Sundays Oct 19 - Dec 28 11:30 am - 12:00 pm	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

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.

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

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.

Wednesdays
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

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.

October 2
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Milton Community Park

Storytime in the Park

Bring a blanket and join us at Milton Community Park - Event/Picnic Area A, (near skatepark) for a fun-filled session of stories, songs, and activities designed to engage little ones and spark a love of reading.

October 3
10:30 am - 11:20 am
Sherwood Branch

Firefighter Storytime with Town of Milton Fire and Rescue Services

Enjoy a story with our firefighter friends from the Town of Milton Fire and Rescue Services, check out their gear, and maybe even experience a firetruck up close! For children 3-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Multiple Dates
Various Times
Various Branches

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.

October 4
3:00 pm - 3:50 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mr. Eric's Musical Adventures

Through highly engaging songs and interactive participation, Eric sneakily teaches rhythm, rhyming, song writing, singing, movement, and pitch, with a big boost of vocabulary to boot! For children 3-9 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

October 5
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Sherwood Branch

Stitchy Fun with Small Things, Doll Things!

This beginner-friendly needlepoint demonstration and workshop is designed for youth aged 10+. Participants will learn the fundamentals of needlepoint, including basic techniques and stitches, in a relaxed and supportive environment.

October 5
10:30 pm - 11:15 am
Main Library

Indigenous Story Time with The Adventures of Jay and Gizmo

Join author Kristi White as she shares her series '*The Adventures of Jay and Gizmo*'. The series takes readers on adventures with Jay, a young Indigenous boy, and his cat friend, Gizmo. For children 6-12 years of age.

Sundays
Oct 5, Nov 30,
Dec 28
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. Graphic novels are fast paced engaging, high quality reading material, full of text to help build vocabulary. For children 9-12 years of age.

Tuesdays
Oct 7 - Nov 25
10:30 am - 11:15 am
Main Library

Kindergarten Here I Come!

In this weekly program, children will enjoy an independent half-hour of stories, rhymes and songs, followed by 15 minutes of activities beneficial for kindergarten readiness.

Tuesdays
Oct 7 , 21, Nov 4, 18
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Main Library

Sensory Play and Circle

Join us for a storytime featuring: a smaller number of participants, a visual schedule, sensory toys, and an adapted circle time with stories, rhymes, songs and activities. Best suited for children 3-5 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

Wednesdays
Oct 8 - Nov 26
10:30 am - 11:15 am
Sherwood Branch

Kindergarten Here I Come!

In this weekly program, children will enjoy an independent half-hour of stories, rhymes and songs, followed by 15 minutes of activities beneficial for kindergarten readiness.

Register for these exciting programs!

Wednesdays
Oct 8 - Nov 26
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Main Library

STEAM Explorers

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.

Wednesdays
Oct 8 - Dec 17
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Math Mania

Does your child enjoy math, and/or find it challenging in school? Spend some quality time together engaging with our math toys, activities, and worksheets. For children ages 5-12 accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Thursdays
Oct 9, 30, Nov 27
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Main Library

Fix It Circle

Kids will invent silly scenarios from far-off planets—think unicorn drama or alien teammate troubles! Each child will take a turn sharing a wacky interpersonal challenge, and the group works together to figure out. For children 6-12 years of age.

October 9
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Main Library

Minecraft Coding Adventures

Build and explore with Minecraft! Use your creativity and problem-solving skills to explore and build Minecraft worlds with code. For children 8-10 years of age.

Oct 10 & Nov 28
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Main Library

Building Blocks Workshop with Young Engineers of Milton

The workshop will provide participants with an exciting hands-on experience to explore STEM and physics concepts by building and playing with motorized LEGO models. For children 8-12 years of age.

Oct 10
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Beaty Branch

LEGO Drop-in

Ready! Set! Build! Come hangout at the library and put your imagination to work. Build and create with your fellow LEGO-maniacs. For children 5-10 years of age. Parent supervision is required at all times.

Oct 10
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Build a Grab Bot!

In this 90 minute hands on workshop facilitated by RoboThink GTA, each participant will build a working robot that can move around grasp and grab small objects. For children 10-12 years of age.

Oct 10, Nov 28, Dec 30
Various Times
Main Library

Hour of Code

Join the coding movement and take your first steps in coding. In just one hour, you will see how fun, creative, and accessible coding can be! For children 6-8 years of age.

October 10
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Kelso Conservation Area

Spooky Stories by the Campfire at Kelso Conservation Area

Join us for an evening of spooky stories and activities around the campfire at Kelso Conservation Area Picnic Site 002. Participants are encouraged to bring folding chairs. For families with children 8 years of age and older.

October 11
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

A Time to Give Thanks Storytime

Join us for a special Thanksgiving-themed storytime program. We will share stories, talk about being thankful, sing fun songs, and make a craft to take home. For children 3-7 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

October 11 & 25
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Saturday Crafternoons: Diwali Edition

Drop in to Beaty Branch, and spend time with your family making a craft or two in preparation for Diwali. Bring a friend with you or make some new ones while you visit. For children 3-12 years of age and their parents or caregiver.

Oct 12 & Dec 7
10:00 am - 10:35 am
Main Library

Everybody Farts!

A close examination of farts....but not too close! Join us as we share a fun story, learn about the science of farting and create a fart soundtrack. For children 6-10 years of age.

Oct 12 & Dec 7
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Main Library

Rusty and Blair, So Long Farewell Storytime

After 35 years of storytimes Rusty and Blair are retiring! Before they go they would like to share their favourite stories, songs and activities with you. Best suited for families with children 2-6 years of age.

Children's Programs (Up to 12 years)

October 14
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Diwali Storytime

Get ready to celebrate Diwali (October 20) with an hour of stories, songs, and rhymes! We'll make colourful Diwali decorations for you to take home! For children 3-8 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Thursdays
Oct 16 - Nov 27
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Main Library

Marvelous Makers

Participants are invited to join us and creative and imaginative. Try out a new DIY project each week, and make something amazing to keep or share. For children 7-12 years of age.

Oct 16, Nov 6, Dec 4
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Main Library

Build-A-Flag

This hands-on activity helps kids reflect on real relationships and build skills for setting safe, healthy boundaries. For children 6-12 years of age.

Oct 8, Nov 22, Dec 13
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Main Library

Look Like Me, Read Like Me in Partnership with Halton Black Voices

This program facilitated by Halton Black Voices, offers 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.

October 18
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Little Mosque on the Tundra

We invite families to join this special storytime to hear the story of Canada's most northern Mosque, and how it made the journey from Winnipeg to Inuvik. For children 3-8 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Oct 19, Nov 9, Dec 14
2:00 pm - 2:40 pm
Main Library

Mandarin Storytime

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

Mondays
Oct 20 - Dec 1
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Level Up Your Coding Skills with Code Ninja's Milton

Join us at the library for a fun, hands-on series where kids strengthen their problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and build their own interactive projects! For children 9-12 years of age.

Oct 23 & Nov 13
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Main Library

Positively Me Art Project

In this creative and reflective workshop, participants will design a self-portrait that highlights their favourite personal features and qualities—both physical and non-physical. For children 6-12 years of age.

October 25
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mosaic Masterpieces

Join us for a fun and creative afternoon as we explore the beauty of Islamic mosaic tile art! For children 8-12 years of age.

October 25
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Storytime for Little Ghouls and Goblins

Join us for a fun-filled Halloween storytime! Enjoy stories, sing along to songs, and participate in a simple craft activity. Costumes are encouraged but not required! For children 3-7 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

October 25
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Saturday Crafternoons: Halloween Edition

Drop in to Beaty Branch, and spend a bit of time with your family making a craft or two in preparation for Halloween. For children 3-12 years of age and their parents or caregiver.

Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 21
10:30 am - 11:15 am
Sherwood Branch

Arabic Storytime

Drop in and enjoy stories, and activities in Arabic to help with developing your child's early literacy skills. For children 3-6 years of age and their parent or caregiver.

Tuesdays
Oct 28 - Dec 9
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Main Library

Adventure Canada Connections with Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Adventure Canada Connections (ACC) is a group mentoring program for newcomer youth that are elementary-aged. The program offers a role model, mentor and a friend to newcomer youth, helping with their adjustment to Canada.

Register for these exciting programs!

Tuesdays
Oct 21 - Nov 25
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Hand Sewing Basics for Kids

Children will learn the basics of sewing by hand. Skills covered will include; threading a needle, back stitch, slip stitch, blanket stitch and cross stitch. For children 7-12 years of age.

October 28
7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Main Library

Who is Roberta Bondar - Highlighting Canadian Women

October is Women's History Month. Join us in this interactive program to learn about Astronaut Roberta Bondar. For children 8-12 years of age.

October 31
10:30 am - 11:15 am
Main Library

Trick or Treat Storytime

We invite you to join us for stories, songs, crafts, activities, and some trick or treating! Feel free to wear your costume! Children 1-5 years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

November 1 & 29
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Beaty Branch

Brain Teasing Puzzles!

Children will use popsicle sticks to transform shape puzzles from one configuration to another, based on the clues provided by the instructor. For children 8-12 years of age.

November 8
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

International S.T.E.A.M DAY Demo!

November 8, is International STEAM/STEM Day! Families with children 6-12 years of age are invited to discover the world of robotics with RoboThink's Demo Workshop!

November 15
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library

CCAH Reading Corner with Tamla Young

In partnership with CCAH, we invite you to join author Tamla Young for an engaging storytime featuring her debut picture book "Ready Set Mango!", a culturally rich tale that celebrates friendship, laughter, and working together.

Nov 20 & Dec 18
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Main Library

ROCK Caregiver Cafe

Caregivers and youth with autism are welcome to join us for activities and to share experiences! Adults must accompany/ monitor children at all times through the session.

December 6
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Beaty Branch

Merry Little Storytime

Children and their families are invited to join in for a festive storytelling session filled with holiday-themed books, songs, and activities. Best suited for children 3-7 years of age and their parent or caregiver, but all are welcome.

December 13
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Sherwood Branch

Jingle Bell Storytime

Join us for this festive and engaging holiday program designed for children and families to celebrate the magic of the season through storytelling. Best suited for children 3-7 years of age and their parent or caregiver, but all are welcome.

December 20
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Main Library

Magic of Christmas Storytime

Children and their families are invited to join in for a magical Christmas storytime, filled with holiday-themed books, songs, and activities. Best suited for children 3-7 years of age and their parent or caregiver, but all are welcome.

December 20
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Saturday Crafternoons: Holiday Edition

Join us for a fun-filled Halloween storytime! Enjoy stories, sing along to songs, and participate in a simple craft activity. Costumes are encouraged but not required! For children 3-7 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

December 23
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Furry Friends with Hands on Exotics

In this interactive program led by Hands on Exotics, kids will meet a variety of furry (and maybe a few feathery or scaly!) creatures from around the world. For children 4-7 years of age with an adult.

December 30
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Main Library

Decorate a Tote Bag!

Come design a personalized tote bag! Get creative using markers, stencils and more to decorate a small canvas bag for yourself or a friend. All supplies provided. For children 8-12 years of age.

Teen Programs (13 to 17 years)

October 1 - 12
Online

Put Pen to Paper Contest

MPL's annual short story contest is back! Students from grades 6-12 are invited to submit their short stories of 1500 words maximum, on any topic of their choosing to our panel of judges.

October 1
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Yarn Painting

For Culture Days we are going to explore this beautiful traditional art form of the Huichol Indigenous people of Mexico and the United States and make our own creations inspired by it. All supplies will be provided.

Wednesdays
Various Dates
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
Various Dates
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Main Library

Project Pen Pal *

This program 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.

October 2 & 7
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Beaded Poppy Wreath *

Come and be a part of our special **Indigenous Veterans** Day craft workshops with Wanda Wilson, an indigenous artist. Craft beautiful beaded poppy flowers and assemble a beaded poppy wreath in tribute to those who have served.

October 4
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Garden Volunteers *

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

October 6
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Swiftie Spectacular: A Celebration of Taylor Swift

Celebrate the music, style, and creativity of Taylor Swift and come together with fellow fans to share your love for her music and artistry!

October 8
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Cultural Mask Making: A Journey Around the World

Join us for a creative adventure around the globe! In this hands-on workshop, you'll explore the fascinating traditions of mask-making from different cultures including African tribal masks, Venetian carnival masks, and Japanese Noh masks.

Weds & Thurs
Oct 8 - Nov 27
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

The Red Scarf Project for Teens *

December 1st is World AIDS Day, when red scarves line the streets to bring awareness to HIV/AIDS. Learn how to do simple knitting stitches and make red scarves to donate to The Positive Health Network.

Oct 16 - Apr 28
Online

White Pine Beanstack Challenge

The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program, where readers vote for the winner from the list of 10 nominated titles. Join the Beanstack challenge, track which titles you read, and vote for your favourite!

Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

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

Come out and connect with local seniors to learn something new and (maybe) beat them at their own game! You are never too old, or young, to have some fun at the library!

October 18
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Flower Power: Crochet Flower Keychains

Learn how to crochet flower keychains with artist Zukhruf Hanif!

Oct 19 & Dec 14
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

3D Printing Workshop

Patrons will design a keychain with their name on it in Tinkercad 3D Design space. The design will be limited to using up to 10g of Bambu filament (and 10-12 minutes of printing).

Register for these exciting programs!

October 21
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Pumpkin Story

Who's ready for spooky season? We're going to decorate pumpkin bowls inspired by our favourite scary reads! Have you seen the Headless Horseman? Does the Wicked Witch terrify you? Or have you warded your home against Dracula? Boo!

October 23
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Beaty Branch
Main Library

The Secrets to Scholarship Research & Writing

Without exaggeration, scholarships have the ability to transform lives and careers. This presentation from Christopher Grafos of BridgesEDU Scholarships will help empower attendees with information to find and win scholarships.

Saturdays
November 1 - 29
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Stitched Greeting Cards

Join us as we create stitched greeting cards!

November 1
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Crochet a Poppy *

In honour of Remembrance Day, learn how to crochet your own poppy. Poppies will be kept to decorate the library.

November 3
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.

Nov 6 & Dec 4
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. For members of the Teen Advisory Group.

November 15
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Put Pen to Paper Awards Ceremony

An awards ceremony to congratulate the talented writers who participated in the annual Put Pen to Paper contest. Winners will be announced during the ceremony.

November 22
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Beaty Branch

Gaming Fair

Calling all gamers! Celebrate games of all kinds at Milton Public Library's gaming fair!

November 22
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Honouring Our Heroes: Holiday Card Making for Veterans and Military Personnel *

Come together as a community and express gratitude and appreciation to the brave men and women who have served our country through the simple act of making and sending holiday cards!

November 28
Various Times
Beaty Branch

Escape the Witch: A Wicked Escape Room

Thank Goodness you're here, please help us! Glinda is busy, and we need help to escape from the terrible Wicked Witch! Solve the puzzles and let us out, and you will be rewarded!

December 1 & 23
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sherwood Branch
Beaty Branch

Teen Tech: Mug Press

Learn how to use the Cricut mug press by designing and making your own mug.

December 3
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Beaty Branch

This is My Space: Making Door Hangars with Cricut

Learn how to use Canva and our Cricut to make a door hangar, for your room, your locker, whatever space you choose.

December 6
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Lend Me an Ear: Crochet an Earpods Case

Learn how to crochet earpods cases with artist Zukhruf Hanif!

Teen Programs (13 to 17 years)

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

Glow Up Naturally: DIY Beeswax Skincare Workshop with Backed By Bees

Get ready to mix, melt, and make your own magic! In this 1.5-hour hands-on workshop, you'll dive into the world of natural skincare with the ultimate glow-up ingredient: beeswax.

December 13
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Candle-Making with Humble Bee

Join Humble Bee to learn about the benefits of beeswax and the process of turning wax from the hive into a candle! You will also make a candle that you can bring home to enjoy.

December 15
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Beaty Branch

DIY Super Squish!

Squishy toys have become very popular due to their stress-relieving benefits, and the fact that they're fun and cute! Come and design your own squishy toy made out of memory foam.

Wednesdays
Various Dates
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

White Pine Book Club *

As part of the White Pine Book Club, members will read and discuss 5 of the 10 nominated books for the 2026 award, and will vote in April for this year's award winner.

Thursdays
Various Dates
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Beaty Branch

White Pine Book Club *

As part of the White Pine Book Club, members will read and discuss 5 of the 10 nominated books for the 2026 award, and will vote in April for this year's award winner.

December 30
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Paint Afternoon

An afternoon of painting fun. Leave with your finished masterpiece. For Teens and Adults. All supplies provided.



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, AWE 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.
- **Room Bookings:** Book group and silent study rooms to study, work and collaborate.
- **Programs:** A wide variety of programs for all ages.



All programs marked with an asterisk (*) are eligible for volunteer community hours.

Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Wednesdays
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Fridays
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Prime Fit

Join us for six weeks of beginner-friendly fitness led by a Registered Kinesiologist. In small groups, you'll work on progressive, adaptable strength and balance exercises.

Wednesdays
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Seniors Social

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

Various Dates
Various Times
Various Branches

Creative Connections

Learn, develop and explore various crafting techniques.

Wednesdays
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Milton Knitting Circle

A weekly knitting group for all levels.

Thursdays
Various Dates
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Hindi Social

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

Various Dates
Various Times
Various Branches

English Conversation Circle

Conversation Circles are gatherings where people come together to practice speaking English. Registration required through HMC Connections. Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced level circles are available.

Fridays
9:45 am - 10:45 am
Sherwood Branch

Movement, Memory and Mindfulness

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

Fridays
Various Dates
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Online

Tech Talk

Join Tech Coaches for this monthly virtual seminar covering various technology-related topics. Join in from the comfort of your own space!

Oct 4, Nov 8, Dec 20
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Colour and Calm (Drop-in Art Hive)

In this self-led art hive, enjoy a calm, creative space, where you can reduce stress, boost mindfulness, and express yourself through art. All materials provided—just bring yourself and your imagination.

October 5
11:30 pm -
12:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

From Snapshots to Standouts: A Photography Workshop for All Abilities

Elevate your compositional skills to enhance the images that you make! Learn some tips and tricks you can use to improve your photography!

October 5
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Seeds of Change - Winter Gardening Workshop

Learn about hardy vegetables, herbs, and ornamentals through the colder months. Learn practical techniques for indoor and outdoor winter gardening, from frost protection to container setups and winter sowing.

October 5
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Storytelling with Kristi White

An afternoon of storytelling that reflects the strength, beauty, and resilience of Indigenous culture. Rooted in her commitment to language and cultural revitalization, Kristi's storytelling blends traditional teachings with lived experience.

Sundays
Oct 5, Nov 2, 30
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Antakshari

Join us for a fun-filled game of antakshari. A lively and engaging way to enjoy music, meet new people and test your knowledge of popular tunes!

Register for these exciting programs!

Mondays
Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Film Club

Watch the selected film and then join us for a lively discussion each month. Instead of books, this is a club for those interested in films to meet new people and share ideas.

Tuesdays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Living Longer, Stronger

A weekly drop-in program covering a wide array of health topics designed to meet the needs of older adults, offering a supportive, personalized approach to aging. Run by a Registered Nurse from the Prime Care Family Health Team.

Tuesdays
Oct 7 - Dec 16
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Main Library

Basic Computer Training with HMC Connections

Join this weekly workshop to learn: essential computer skills, Microsoft and Google tools, and how to master Zoom meeting controls. **Registration is required through HMC Connections.**

Tuesdays
Oct 7 - Nov 11
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Cultivating Calm: Art Therapy for Self-Care 55+

Join this six-week art therapy workshop which will help reduce stress, express yourself creatively, connect with others, and gain supportive tools for well-being. No art skills needed.

Tuesdays
Oct 7 - Nov 11
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Expressive Escape: Art Therapy for Youth

Join six-week art therapy workshop for ages 13–24, designed to spark creativity, ease stress, and build confidence. Explore emotions, find support, and connect with peers in a welcoming, judgment-free space. No art skills required.

Tuesdays
Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Fabrication Frenzy

This program introduces participants to a variety of fabrication techniques. Each session offers hands-on learning experiences, allowing individuals to develop their skills and create unique, custom projects across different mediums.

Wednesdays
Various Dates
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Main Library

Book Arts Circle - Drop-in

This program provides a relaxed, creative space to explore bookmaking at your own pace. All levels welcome, from those who have no idea where to start, to those who are seasoned; there will be something for everyone.

October 8
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.

Tuesdays
Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Orange Snail Brewery

Podcasts & Pints

Like a book club, but for podcasts! We'll be serving up great discussions for podcasts lovers and new podcast listeners. Come and discuss podcasts with people in your community.

Oct 14, Nov 11
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Dec 9
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Tech Certification - Mug Press

Learn how to use the Cricut mug press by designing and making your own mug. After this workshop, you will be able to come into the TechHub at Sherwood and use the mug press on your own.

Thursdays
Oct 16, 30, Nov 27, Dec 18
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Mindful Meet-Up

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

October 18
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Linocut Lantern Card-making Workshop

Create beautiful, hand-printed cards in this linocut printmaking workshop with Aditi from StudioIZZA.

October 20
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Book Talk - Evergreen Award Nominees

Explore standout Canadian literature with the Evergreen Book Club, featuring monthly reads from the Ontario Library Association's Evergreen Award shortlist.

Adult Programs (18 years and over)

Oct 21 & Nov 18
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Dec 16
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

Tech Certification - Sublimation Printer

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

Wednesdays
Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Beaty Branch

Bollywood Trivia

Test your knowledge of scenes, plotlines, movie stars, iconic roles, and debut Bollywood films. Bring your family and friends to test your knowledge and have some fun with Bollywood Trivia!

Thursdays
Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Main Library

Urdu Kasauti

Trivia on various topics for Urdu speakers. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Register now for a relaxing and enjoyable evening at the library.

October 24
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sherwood Branch

An Evening with Jane Thomas - Author of '*Wilful Neglect*'

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.

October 25
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Tech Fair

Join us for MPL's Tech Fair featuring area organizations and industries showcasing their latest technologies, inventions and innovative ideas. Check out new products and ideas while connecting with other tech enthusiasts in the community.

October 25
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

AI Uncovered – Debunking Myths & Harnessing Its Power

This interactive workshop is designed to demystify AI, debunk common myths, and provide a clear understanding of how AI can be a valuable tool rather than a threat.

Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 14
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Holding Space - Conversations on Death, Dying, and Bereavement

This one-hour gathering offers a gentle space to explore the themes of death, dying, and bereavement in an open and supportive environment within a small group setting.

Tuesdays
Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 30
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!

Various Dates
Various Times
Sherwood Branch

Art Hive

All ages are welcome to come in and express yourself with this pop-up art hive. All supplies provided. Run by art therapists from Art as Therapy.

November 2
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Seeds of Change - Putting Your Garden to Sleep Workshop

Learn practical techniques for cleanup, soil care, and protection to ensure a healthier and productive garden come spring.

Nov 5 & Dec 3
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Halton Community Legal Services - On Site

Stop by and speak with a lawyer or paralegal from Halton Community Legal Services (HCLS) about your problem. Discuss your questions and get connected with legal supports or community referrals.

November 6
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

An Evening with Andy Robertshaw

An engaging evening featuring renowned military historian and author Andy Robertshaw! Known for his expertise in WWI and WWII history, Andy has a talent for making history come alive with his wit and storytelling. Don't miss out!

November 7
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library

Aging Well - The MIND Diet

Learn about the MIND diet, designed to reduce the risk of dementia and loss of brain function as you age. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society of Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton and Halton.

November 10
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
FirstOntario Arts Centre

In Conversation with David A. Robertson

Join us for an engaging evening exploring freedom of expression, truth and reconciliation, and the creative process. David discusses how literature supports healing and resilience and fosters deeper cultural understanding. **$15 per person.**

November 16
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sherwood Branch

Open Mic - Local Authors, Poets and Writers

MPL invites you to come and celebrate and support local authors, poets, writers as they share their work, or excerpts of their work at an open mic. **Applications open October 1.**

November 24
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.

Collections

Library of Things

The Library of Things collection has now landed at our Sherwood Branch! Featuring puzzles, board games, a personal health kit, and outdoor activities, our Library of Things collection is continuing to grow and expand! Other new additions to the Library of Things collection at the Main Library and Beaty Branch include a Yoto Player and storybook card sets, birdwatching kits, and more video game console controllers.

We've recently added family visitor passes to the Royal Ontario Museum! Library patrons can borrow a ROM visitor pass and take up to three family members or friends to Ontario's most established and renowned museum - all for free. Family pass borrowers will also have access to the ROM's travelling and temporary exhibits, capacity permitting. Visit our online catalogue to place a hold, and get ready to learn about history and culture!.

Upcoming additions to the Library of Things collection include a Dungeons and Dragons Starter Kit and hobby and craft kits. Have an idea for the collection? Visit a branch and let us know!

VoxBooks



MPL is delighted to announce the addition of VoxBooks to our talking book collection! 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!

Gaming Computers

High-end gaming computers are now installed at our Main Library! Grab a group of friends and squad up for some gaming fun! Patrons **of all ages** will be able to log into their own Steam, Roblox, and Epic Games accounts to play their favourite games**. A library card is required.** All data on each computer will be deleted nightly.

Brainfuse



New school year, new routine. Brainfuse HelpNow makes it easy to stay on top of things with live tutors, flashcards, and study tools, all free with your library card. Hit up MPL's eResources webpage to check it out and get ahead this semester.

News and Updates

Indigenous Reading Nook at Beaty Branch

We are proud to introduce the Indigenous **Reading** Nook at our Beaty Branch **starting** October 4th. **This** welcoming space **is** dedicated to celebrating and learning from Indigenous voices. Here you will find thoughtfully curated books, resources, and displays that highlight First Nations, Inuit, and Métis stories, culture, and perspectives. The Indigenous **Reading** Nook offers a place for reflection, education, and connection for the entire community.







Hold Lockers Launched

Milton Public Library has introduced Hold Lockers at the Milton Sports Centre and the Mattamy National Cycling Centre, giving you the freedom to pick up holds, browse a small collection, and return items anytime, at your convenience.

ID Requirements

Patrons who register for their library card will need to visit any MPL branch and present valid identification before borrowing high-value items. This includes video games, laptops, and Library of Things devices.

Diwali Food Drive

We invite you to drop off non-perishable food items such as rice, cooking oil, flour, spices, pasta, and pasta sauce at any MPL branch between September 22nd and October 17th. All donations will go directly to Food for Life to support families in need across our community.

The Red Scarf Project for Adults and Teens

This fall**, adults and** teens can take part in a meaningful volunteer opportunity while learning a new skill. The Red Scarf Project invites youth to knit red scarves in recognition of World AIDS Day on December 1st. Finished items will be donated to The Positive Health Network to support those in need across Hamilton, Halton, Haldimand, Norfolk, and Brant. Supplies are provided, and **teen** participants can earn high school volunteer hours. Beginners are welcome!

Fill-a-Crib Campaign with MCRC

MPL is proud to partner with MCRC for the annual Fill-a-Crib campaign, which provides essential supplies to local families. Patrons can drop off donations at any MPL branch to help fill over 100 cribs with much-needed items. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference for families in our community.



Upcoming Closures

Monday, October 15:	Thanksgiving
Monday, November 17:	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Branches close at 12:30 pm
Thursday, December 25:	Christmas Day
Friday, December 26:	Boxing Day
Wednesday, December 31:	New Year's Eve Branches close at 12:30 pm
Thursday, January 1:	New Year's 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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