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Milton Public Library to Soft Launch Citizen Science Pollinator Kits During March Break

Milton, ON – Milton Public Library (MPL) is inviting members of the media and community to attend the soft launch of its new Citizen Science Pollinator Kits **on** Sunday, March 16**,** marking the beginning of March Break programming focused on pollinators and environmental learning.

The initiative is supported through **a** $7,000 grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation**,** which has enabled the library to create 25 Citizen Science Pollinator Kits designed to help families and community members explore and learn about pollinators and their essential role in maintaining healthy ecosystems.

Each kit contains hands-on tools including binoculars, field notebooks, wildflower guides, and pollinator identification resources. The kits will be used in environmental programming at the library and will also be available for community members to borrow with their library card, allowing residents to observe pollinators and participate in citizen science activities in their own neighbourhoods.

The project also supports a weekly environmental education series taking place in Milton Public Library's Indigenous Medicine Garden at the Beaty Branch**,** where participants will learn about sustainable gardening practices, native plants, and the importance of pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

The soft launch on March 16 coincides with the start of March Break, when the library will host a week of pollinator-themed programming for families. On March 17**,** a special program will incorporate the new pollinator kits as part of a hands-on learning experience that encourages participants to explore nature and better understand the role pollinators play in our environment.

"These pollinator kits give families an opportunity to connect with nature, learn about biodiversity, and discover how small actions can help protect pollinators in our community." said Chris Benitez**,** Manager, Main Library.

Pollinators are essential for plant reproduction and food production, making them a critical part of healthy ecosystems. Through this initiative, Milton Public Library hopes to inspire residents of all ages to learn about environmental stewardship and take part in activities that support pollinator habitats.

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Members of the media are invited to attend the launch and learn more about the initiative.

The Citizen Science Pollinator Kits Soft Launch will take place on Monday, March 16, 2026**,** at Milton Public Library's Beaty Branch**.** Additional pollinator-themed programs will take place throughout March Break.

About MPL:

Serving one of the fastest-growing municipalities in North America, Milton Public Library (MPL) is a multi-award winning public library focused on innovation and service excellence. Patrons can visit MPL through three physical branches, Main, Beaty and Sherwood as well as online through www.beinspired.ca. MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Innovate. Connect.

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