

Children's Programs

Special Storytimes*



Check our website for a schedule of multilingual and sensory drop-in storytimes for Milton families in January & February!

Saturdays, Jan 11 – Feb 22 10:00 am
Main Library

Arabic Storytimes*



Join MCRC's Ms. Suzan for a half hour of reading, singing, and fun! Speakers of all languages are welcome.



Wednesdays, Jan 8 – Feb 27 10:00 am
Main Library

STEAM Storytime



Investigate early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics concepts through songs, stories, and interactive play in our all-new STEAM Storytime for kids aged 2-4 years! (please make alternate arrangements for siblings)

Tuesdays, Jan 7 – Feb 25 10:00 am
Main Library

Register for our Winter Children's Programs

Online at www.mpl.on.ca (library card required) or in-person at a Customer Service desk. Registration dates outlined below, if applicable. Space is limited. All programs are free this season.

Storytimes (Jan 6 – Feb 28)

Join us for a shared child and caregiver experience while getting your child ready for reading! Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays. Register online or in-person beginning **Nov 18 at 9:30 am (first come, first served)** for all registered storytimes. Space is limited. All Storytimes with (*) are drop-in. Stamps available 15 mins before each program. Parental participation required. Storytimes with (•) are year-round.

Main Library Storytimes					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Babytime (0-11 mos) 10:00-10:30am	STEAM Storytime* (2-4 yrs) 10:00-10:45am	Arabic Storytimes* (0-6 yrs) 10:00-10:30 am	Tales for Twos (24-35 mos) 10:00-10:30 am	Wee Reads* (6-23 mos) 10:00-10:30 am	Special Storytimes* (6 mos-6 yrs) (Jan-Feb)
One is Wonderful (12-23 mos) 10:45-11:15am		MCRC Parent Child Mother Goose** (0-12 mos) 1:30-2:30pm	Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs) 10:45-11:15 am	Alphabet Play* (2-5 yrs) 11:00 am-12:00 pm	

▲ Alternate arrangements for siblings please.

Sherwood Branch Library Storytimes					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shake, Rattle & Read* (2-4 yrs) 10:00-10:30 am	Tales for Twos (24-35 mos) 10:00-10:30 am	One is Wonderful (12-23 mos) 10:00-10:30 am	Wee Reads* (6-23 mos) 10:00-10:30 am	Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs) 10:00-10:30 am	Family Storytime** (6 mos-6 yrs) 10:15-10:45 am (Beginning Jan 4)
Babytime (0-11 mos) 10:45-11:15 am			Alphabet Play* (2-5 yrs) 11:00 am-12:00 pm		

Beaty Branch Library Storytimes				
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wee Reads* (6-23 mos) 10:15-10:45 am	Tales for Twos (24-35 mos) 10:15-10:45 am	One is Wonderful (12-23 mos) 10:15-10:45 am	Alphabet Play* (2-5 yrs) 10:15-11:15 am	Family Storytime** (6 mos-6 yrs) 10:15-10:45 am
Shake, Rattle & Read** (2-4 yrs) 1:15-1:45 pm				

AFTER SCHOOL Create club

(ages 9-12)

Want to be part of an exciting club and have fun learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math? Join our After School Create Club and explore these topics through play, experiments, and other fun activities! Drop-in.

Tuesdays, Jan 7 – Feb 25 3:45 – 4:45 pm Sherwood Branch
Thursdays, Jan 9 – Feb 27 4:00 – 5:00 pm Main Library





Little Thinkers, Big Questions

Workshop Series at Main

Join us for an edu-taining workshop where kids can celebrate curiosity, empower their minds, and learn critical thinking skills. Let the thinking begin with hands-on activities and take-home resources, led by an award-winning Red T Media author and educator.

All workshops are for children 8-12 years. Registration begins 2 weeks prior.

Yucky or Yummy?

Budding foodies are invited to ask big questions about why some treats make our mouths water, and others make us hold our noses.

Thurs Dec 12 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Protecting our Winter Wonderland

Explore how we're similar to and different from other living things, and discuss our responsibilities toward them.

Tues Jan 7 6:30 – 7:30 pm

My Thinking Valentine

Present and future romantics are invited to take a hearts and flowers look at why we feel the way we feel.

Tues Feb 11 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Math Mania Wednesdays at Beaty

(ages 5 – 12)

Come to our Math Mania drop-in program and spend some quality time with your child. Playing activities that will get them thinking about and enjoying math!

Wednesdays Jan 8 – Feb 26

4:00 – 6:00 pm Beaty Branch

Healthy Kids Series with Halton Women's Place

Healthy Relationships = Healthy Communities. Children are welcome to attend on their own or with a caregiver. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to each workshop. Space is limited.

PROGRAM	AGE	DAY/TIME	PLACE
Is It Right To Fight? Learn strategies on how to deal with your feelings.	Grades 1–2	Mon Dec 9 6:30 pm	Sherwood
Tech Smart Learn how to be smart when using technology.	Grades 3–4	Mon Jan 13 7:00 pm	Sherwood
Take a Stand Learn how to deal with threatening situations both as a potential victim and a bystander.	Grades 4–5	Sat Jan 18 3:00 pm	Main
Free To Be You & Me Learn about the differences among people in classrooms and in the community.	Grades 2–3	Mon Feb 3 6:30 pm	Sherwood
Me, My Selfie & I Learn about the effects that your digital identity can have on past, current and future relationships with family and friends.	Grades 4–5	Sat Feb 8 3:00 pm	Main
Villains, Violence & Video Games Learn about the differences between real and fictional violence.	Grades 3–4	Mon Feb 24 7:00 pm	Sherwood

Winter Break Programs

It's cold outside, but it's warm in the library! Join us for some fun, free programs to keep children learning, growing, and exploring. All programs with (*) are drop-in with tickets available 15 mins before. For other programs, **registration begins Dec 9** – space is limited.



Build a Video Game with Bloxels

(ages 9 – 12)

Mon Dec 30 10:00 – 11:30 am Sherwood

Thu Jan 2 10:00 – 11:30 am Main



Pajama Storytime*

(ages 2 – 5 with caregivers)

Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

Sat Dec 28 10:00 – 10:45 am Main

Thu Jan 2 6:45 – 7:30 pm Sherwood

LEGO® Family Drop-in*

Use your imagination to create with LEGO® (provided).

Fri Dec 27

10:00 – 12:00 pm

Beaty

Fri Jan 3

10:00 – 12:00 pm

Main



Tween & Teen Programs

Halton Youth Disability Advisory Council

(ages 14 – 29)

The Halton Youth Disability Advisory Council is a group of young people of all abilities. We believe that we can make a difference in our communities and Halton region. A partnership with ProjectAutism. To join us, please visit www.projectautismcanada.com/hydac

Thursdays, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6

7:00 – 8:00 pm Beaty Branch*

*Please note: Dec 5 meeting will take place at Sherwood Branch



Pflag Halton Meet Up

Peer-to-peer support for those struggling with sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Join for support, education, and advocacy. For more information, please email haltonon@pflagcanada.ca.

First **Thursday** of each month
Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6

7:00 – 8:00pm Main Library



Girls Who Code (ages 12–16)

Join us for 8 weeks of coding with Girls Who Code, an international non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology by teaching girls computer science, bravery, and sisterhood.

Wednesdays, Jan 15 – Mar 4

5:00 – 6:00 pm Main Library

Register for our Winter Tween & Teen Programs

Online at www.mpl.on.ca (library card required) or in-person at a Customer Service desk (unless otherwise indicated by “drop-in”). Space is limited. Programs are free, unless otherwise indicated.

PROGRAM	AGE	DAY/TIME	PLACE
Holiday Instagram Contest Designed and brought to you by members of your Teen Advisory Group. Check out @miltonpubliclibrary on Insta in December for the big reveal and contest details.	9–17	December 13–24	Online
Harry Potter Alliance Chapter Meetings The Harry Potter Alliance turns fans into heroes by creating a safe space for activism and advocacy. Join this environmental club, which will use <i>Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them</i> as the basis for creating change.	9–13	Wednesdays Jan 15–Feb 26 6:30–7:30 pm	Main
Libraries and Labyrinths Create adventures for Dungeons and Dragons. Explore fantasy settings, plot out the narrative elements of an adventure, draw fantasy maps, and build out a dungeon full of monsters.	10–13	Tuesdays Jan 7–Feb 11 7:00–8:00 pm	Beaty
Super Saturdays @ Sherwood Waiting for your hockey game to start, or for a sibling to finish? Drop by the library on Saturday afternoons for gaming on the big screen, tech toys, scavenger hunts, VR, and more.	9–14	Saturdays Jan 4–Feb 22 12:00–3:30 pm	Sherwood
Coding with k8 Join us as we learn about coding with k8 robots. k8 is powered by micro:bit and Microsoft MakeCode to allow students to start with block coding and work their way up to Javascript.	10–14	Thursdays Jan 9 – Feb 6 7:00–8:00 pm	Beaty

EXAM PREPARATION

Exams Got You Stressed? Getting ready to buckle down for exams? Join us for a workshop on how to cope with school-related stress and anxiety, practice self-care, and get through your exams. Presented by staff from the Canadian Mental Health Association.	Grade 9–12	Wed Jan 8 7:00–8:30 pm	Beaty
Exam Cram Let us help you prepare for your exams. Drop by the library for study space and take a study break with games, giant colouring tables and therapy dogs.	Grade 9–12	January 21–29	All

Adult Programs



Podcasts & Pints

Like a book club, but for podcasts! This club meets on Wednesdays, once a month at the Orange Snail Brewers. Whether you are a podcast lover or new listener, come and discuss podcasts with people in your community.

Orange Snail Brewers is located at 32 Steeles Ave. East, Unit #1 Milton, ON, L9T 5A1

Wednesdays, Jan 22, Feb 26
7:00 – 8:00pm

Milton Genealogy Meetup

Whether you're new to genealogy or an experienced researcher, come learn in this informal seminar setting. Try out our VHS-to-DVD converter and new microfilm scanner.

Wednesdays, Jan 15, Feb 19
7:00 – 8:30pm Main Library

Register for our Winter Adult Programs

Online at www.mpl.on.ca (library card required) or in-person at a Customer Service desk. Space is limited. Programs are free, unless otherwise noted.

PROGRAM	DAY/TIME	PLACE
An Electric Car Revolution Meet electric car enthusiast, Tim Burrows, host of Tim Talks Tesla, and get the scoop on how electric cars and autonomous vehicles are revolutionizing our world.	Mon Jan 20 7:00–8:30 pm	Sherwood
Natural Approaches to Anxiety & Depression In honour of Bell Let's Talk Day, break the stigma and learn about the causes and contributing factors of mood disorders from chemical imbalances, to nutritional deficiencies, thought patterns, and more. Leave with practical diet and lifestyle strategies to help manage and prevent anxiety and depression. Brought to you by Dr. Melissa Bucking, ND.	Wed Jan 29 7:00–8:30 pm	Main
Dementia Education Series A four-part learning series for care partners and friends of persons living with dementia. Participants will examine reliable and relevant information about dementia, understand physical and emotional changes associated with dementia, become familiarized with tools to create a framework for resiliency as a care partner, become informed of community resources to help support you in your role as a care partner. <i>This series is brought to you by the Alzheimer Society.</i>	Wednesdays Feb 12, 19, 26 & Mar 4 10:00 am– 12:00 pm	Main

Cognitive Care Kits

MPL's Cognitive Care Kits help support the skills and abilities of people living with dementia. Each kit contains 8-10 unique activities that focus on the mind (cognitive), body (active) and spirit (creative), and has been developed using the DementiAbility Montessori principles.

First time borrowers must schedule an appointment to meet with an MPL librarian, who will explain and demonstrate the kit. Please visit our website or email mary.oconnor@mpl.on.ca for more information.

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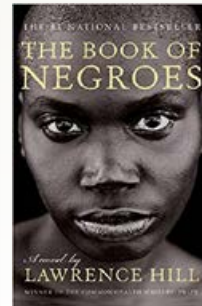
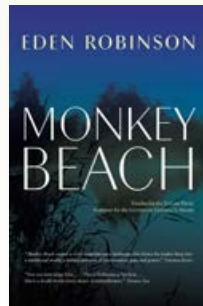
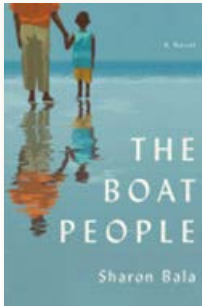
Adult Programs cont'd



Book Club Kits

Use our Book Club Kits for your book club! Extended loan periods for 123 titles (10 copies per title). We help coordinate your reading lists, offer discussion questions, and make arrangements to have group members pick up their book at Main Library.

Use our **Availability Calendar** to see all of our Book Club Kit titles and see when they're available.



Book Clubs (ages 18+) 7:00 – 8:30pm

Meet other book lovers and participate in a lively discussion. Sessions are led by a professional book lover (staff member). Book club registration opens on **Monday, December 9th** at **9:30 am** online at www.mpl.on.ca/adults (library card required) or in-person at a Customer Service desk.

Amnesty International Book Club

Wednesdays – Main Library
Feb 5 – *The Boat People*
Mar 4 – *Scarborough*
Apr 1 – *Monkey Beach*
May 6 – *The Book of Negroes*

Main Library Book Club

Tuesdays
Feb 11 – *There There*
Mar 10 – *The Promise of Rain*
Apr 14 – *Leaving Time*
May 12 – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Beaty Branch Book Club

Thursdays
Feb 13 – *The Night Tiger*
Mar 12 – *Prisoner of Tehran*
Apr 23 – *Brother*
May 14 – *There There*

Sherwood Branch Book Club

Thursdays
Feb 13 – *Educated*
Mar 12 – *Where the Crawdads Sing*
Apr 16 – *Washington Black*
May 14 – *Before I Go to Sleep*



The Writers' Circle

Have others often said, "You should write that story down before it gets lost?" Do you like exploring thoughts and observations through poetry? Enjoy creating fiction? Or have you always wanted to write but been too timid to try it?

This creative writing group is for you. We'll get together to share what we've written, and be supported in whatever genre we choose. We'll self-direct our group, welcome occasional speakers, and write, write, write.

Tuesdays, Dec 10, Jan 7, 21, Feb 4, 18
 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Main Library

Register online at www.mpl.on.ca (library card required) or in-person at a Customer Service desk. Space is limited. Programs are free.

Laurier Milton Lecture Series 2019-20

FREE



FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton
Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm | No registration required.

From Residential Schools to Child Welfare: The Sixties and Millennial Scoop

Elizabeth Best, MA'18,
 PhD candidate
 Department of History,
 York University

Wed Dec 11

Traumatic Brain Injury 101: Understanding the Basics and How to Help

Halina (Lin) Haag,
 Faculty of Social Work

Wed Jan 15

Get out of Your Own Way: Canada and the UN Aichi Biodiversity Targets Fallout

Dr. Christopher Lemieux,
 Faculty of Arts

Wed Feb 12

<http://mpl.on.ca/programs-and-events/laurier-milton-lectures> for more information.

This lecture series is a partnership between:



Technology Programs

Register for our winter programs online at www.mpl.on.ca (library card required), or in-person at a Customer Service desk. *Strong computer skills are highly recommended.

PROGRAM	DAY/TIME	PLACE
Experience Virtual Reality Curious about VR? Join us as we use virtual reality headsets to visit museums and famous landmarks around the world, get up close and personal with wild animals, and even visit your childhood home.	Friday Dec 20, Jan 31, or Feb 28 2:00–3:00 pm	Main
3D Printer Certification* (Ages 8+ Children under 13 must attend with adult) Learn everything you need to know to use the 3D printer at MPL. Attending patrons will require a valid MPL library card in order to be certified.	Thursday Dec 19, Jan 16, or Feb 13 6:30–7:30 pm	Main



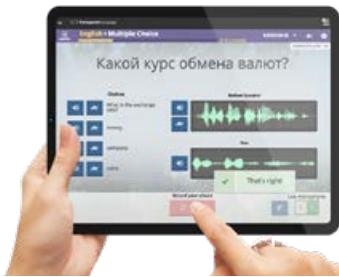
One-on-One with a Technology Coach

Need help with your device or online resources? **Book a 60-minute session with Information Specialist, Anah, today!**

Anah.Mustapha@mpl.on.ca or
905-875-2665 x3241

Eresources

New year? New language!
Free with your MPL card.



Community Resources

Access free community programs and services at MPL.

PROGRAM*	DAY/TIME	PLACE
Volunteer Halton Connects you with volunteer opportunities throughout Halton Region. All ages.	Mon Dec 2, 16, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24 2:30–5:00 pm	Main
Halton Community Legal Services Bring your legal questions about Ontario Works, human rights, tenants' rights, disability benefits, government pensions, EI, or employment standards.	Wed Feb 19 1:30–3:30 pm	Main
Family Law Information Session If you're working through a separation or divorce, you're not alone. Come learn about the legal process and get help and resources.	Mon Jan 6 6:30–8:00 pm	Main
Resume Review and Job Help Have your resume reviewed by an expert from VPI, and learn more about free employment programs to help job seekers find meaningful work.	Tues Dec 3, Thurs Jan 9, Wed Feb 19 2:00–4:00 pm	Main
Customer Service Excellence Certification Excellent customer service doesn't just happen: it comes from truly understanding the customer. Register today.	Fri Jan 24 9:30 am–4:00 pm	Main
Halton Housing Help Safe and affordable housing is an urgent concern. Attend this free workshop to get help finding housing support.	Thurs Feb 20 11:00 am–12:30 pm	Main

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All Ages Programs



Magnus Cards @ Milton Public Library

Did you know that you can find Milton Public Library on *MagnusCards*? This free-to-download app, empowers individuals with cognitive special needs to prepare for various social interactions and activities, including using the Library.

Blind Date with a Book

Book Cupid is here! Pick out your “date” based only on its profile, check it out, and unwrap to enjoy your bookish date.

February 4–17 All locations (Adult and Teen books)



MPL E-Newsletter

Stay up-to-date on the latest library news, programs, resources and more in your community.

www.mpl.on.ca/publications



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New to Canada

Programs, information, and referrals for those new to Canada. Free.



PROGRAM	DAY/TIME	PLACE
Brought to you through a partnership between Milton Public Library and Halton Multicultural Council (funded by CIC).		
ESL Conversation Circles Build your confidence speaking English and meet new people weekly. Please register with HMC at 905-842-2486 x 241 or syajima@hmconnections.com	Tuesdays Dec 3–17, Jan 7–Feb 25 6:30–8:00 pm	Main
	Thursdays Dec 5–19, Jan 9–Feb 27 6:30–8:00 pm	Sherwood
Settlement Worker Meet with a Settlement Worker to help you start your new life. Please register for an appointment with HMC by calling Jacky at 905-464-3222	Tuesdays Dec 3, 17, Jan 28, Feb 11, 25 4:30–7:30 pm	Beaty
	Wednesdays Dec 4, 18, Jan 15, 29, Feb 12, 26 10:00 am–4:30 pm	Main
Canadian Citizenship Workshop Program includes practice tests, reviewing your application online, and more. Please register for an appointment with HMC by calling Jacky at 905-464-3222	Tue Jan 14 5:00–7:30 pm	Sherwood

Brought to you through a partnership between Milton Public Library and The Centre for Skills Development.		
Commissioner of Oaths Please register for an appointment with The Centre for Skills Development at 905-693-8103 x 204	Tuesdays Dec 3, 17, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25 10:00 am–12:00 pm	Beaty
	Tuesdays Dec 3, 17, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25 2:00–4:00 pm	Main

Brought to you through a partnership between Milton Public Library and Halton Community Legal Services.		
Newcomer Legal Conversations If you have legal questions, we have information for you. Attend a lawyer-led session from Halton Community Legal Services. Interpreter services may be available. Space is limited: please register.	Family Law Part 1 Thurs Jan 16 11:30–1:00 pm	Main
	Family Law Part 2 Thurs Jan 23 11:30–1:00 pm	
	Employment Law Tues Jan 28 6:00–8:00 pm	
	Powers of Attorney & Wills Tues Feb 11 4:30–6:30 pm	

HOURS	MAIN LIBRARY	BEATY BRANCH	SHERWOOD BRANCH
	1010 Main St East	945 Fourth Line	6355 Main St West
Mon	9:30 am – 9:00 pm	CLOSED	9:30 am – 9:00 pm
Tue–Thu	9:30 am – 9:00 pm	10:00 am – 9:00 pm	9:30 am – 9:00 pm
Fri–Sat	9:30 am – 5:00 pm	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sun	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CLOSED	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

UPCOMING CLOSURES:

Tuesdays Dec 24 and 31 (Early closure at 12:30 pm)
Tuesday, Dec 25 and 26 (Christmas Day and Boxing Day)
Wednesday, Jan 1 (New Year's Day) **Monday, Feb 17** (Family Day)