Sustainable wooden cards are just the latest in library s green efforts

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Holt then worked with the library s IT team to see if the barcode would work on wood.

The adult cards offer two designs: the first, a blue, watercolour leaf; the second, a wall featuring colourful posters local teens claimed was their overall favourite. Two other cards were implemented for children and babies, making the libraries accessible to everyone.

We want to encourage everyone to get a library card and see everything we have to offer, said Jane Diamanti, Executive Director of Library Services and Culture. We don t just have books here. Technically speaking, we have so much more.

Both Halton Hills branches have begun efforts to be as green as possible, with green living collections, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) buildings and green tours offered at both locations.

The Town and the mayor are huge proponents of sustainability, so as an organization, we are always looking for ways that we can add a little bit more to promote sustainability, Holt said.

For new memberships, the wooden cards are free of charge. Anyone with a plastic card interested in upgrading will have to pay a $2 fee to cover production charges.

It s a fabulous program, Diamanti said. We want people to get excited about the library.

The new wooden library cards are free for new memberships and $2 for people who want to upgrade their current card.

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