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The official opening of the renovated Halton Hills Public Library (Georgetown branch) was held Saturday and joining Mayor Rick Bonnette for the ribbon-cutting were library officials, from left, Brenda Sinnott, Frank Loreto, Jay Jackson, Sheila Taylor and Jane Diamanti. (Below

left) Hockey broadcaster and author Gord Stellick was on hand for the opening to promote his latest book. To view a photo gallery of the opening go to www.theifp.ca and click on 'photos'.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom

Crime data available to public

A newly launched crime mapping function allows people to check out the criminal activity in a neighbourhood just by visiting www.haltonpolice.ca

Halton Regional Police launched the mapping function Thursday allowing Halton residents to access neighbourhood-level crime incident data from the previous day, week or month or even search as far back as six months ago through the Service's website.

"Providing reliable, timely crime data to the communities we serve is one of our top priorities, because an informed public is a safer public," says Halton Chief of Police Steve Tanner. "This partnership with CrimeReports gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in our community."

Police dispatch data is stripped of personal information, including the exact address, and sent securely to CrimeReports.com, which hosts the crime mapping software. The public can access the data through the Service's website, under the Crime Files/Mapping navigation button.

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New-look library opens

The new Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library was jammed with residents during the official opening celebrations on Saturday.

However it was at the Gala reserved for VIPs on Friday evening when a special funding announcement was made. Berry Urbanovic, past-president of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong,

representing the Government of Canada, announced a Green Municipal Fund loan of \$6,603,274 and a \$500,000 grant to help fund the \$14 million project.

The newly-renovated and expanded Halton Hills Library at 9 Church St. has been reconstructed alongside improvements to the Halton Hills Cultural Centre to achieve LEED Silver environmental

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