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Love of reading celebrated with book club and festival

October 18-24 is Ontario Public Library Week and it has been so declared in Milton by Mayor Gord Krantz on behalf of town council.

The theme for this year's week is 'Community Heartbeat' and the Milton Public Library is celebrating by launching new on-line book clubs. Join one of our on-line book clubs (fiction, mystery, horror, teen or romance) and start reading books by e-mail. Each day you will be sent a five-minute portion of a book. By the end of the week you will have read two to three chapters of a book. If you would like to finish the book, stop by the library and pick up a copy.

Contests are always a part of Ontario Public Library Week. Drop by the library and enter one of our draws. One lucky adult and one lucky child will win a book gift certificate (\$50 and \$25 respectively). Kids, come in and guess how many Smarties are in the jar! Winner takes home the candy.

On display all week will be 'Staff Picks' — the staff's favourite books, movies and CDs. Check out what library staff like to read and watch in their spare time.

Following on the heels of Public Library Week is Milton's Book Festival for Children. The eighth

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edition of 'I Love to Read!' is set for release Sunday, Nov. 7 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Milton District High School.

There's no better way to celebrate Canadian Children's Book Week in Milton. Check out the festival Web site at http://bookfestival.mpl.on.ca.

Headlining this year's festival will be Eric Wilson from Victoria, BC. Eric is the author of the popular mystery series set in various communities across Canada and features sleuths Tom and Liz Austen.

Fans of the wildly successful 'Screech Owls' series will be able to meet author Roy MacGregor.

Sylvia McNicoll will make her second appearance at the festival. Sylvia has been nominated this fall for the Red Maple Award for her book 'A Different Kind of Beauty'.

Come and make a craft with Judy Ann Sadler, well known for her series of craft books for children.

Her workshops are popular, so come early as numbers are limited.

Adwoa Badoe is a picture book author, a storyteller and an African dance instructor. Her presentations are always fun and dynamic.

Completing the list of presenters will be Janet Wilson and Karen Reczuch, both award-winning illustrators.

Readings, presentations and craft sessions are not the whole story. Applefun Puppetry will perform as well as Turkey Rhubarb, a musical group from Hamilton. There will be book signings, displays and a chance to buy books, puppets and refreshments.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets are available at the Milton Public Library, the Halton Hills Public Library and at the door. If you purchase a ticket in advance you will be eligible to enter a draw to win children's books.

Come and celebrate the love of books and reading at the library and at the festival. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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