



What's going on at The Library

By Liz Zylstra

A Note from Library CEO Barbara Sweet:

It is my pleasure to welcome Leah Garfield-Wright to the position of Milford librarian.

Leah resides in the Milford area and will already be known to many library patrons. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from McGill University with a dual major in Linguistics and Humanistic Studies and a minor in Italian Culture and Civilization.

She has a varied business background and held many community volunteer roles.

Please drop into the Milford branch to meet Leah and to contribute your thoughts as she works to make the Milford branch a hub of your community.

Leah Garfield-Wright:

Hello! I am honoured to be of service to my fellow South Marysburgh residents. Whether or not we've met already, I encourage you to come for a Hot Cider Social. This will take place at the branch on Saturday, December 16 from noon to 3:00 p.m. and is also a chance to connect with former librarian Kathy Elley Empringham.

Drawing upon their generous spirit, the Friends of the Ann Farwell Branch will provide baked goods. As this is the home of the Musical Instrument Lending Library (M.I.L.L.), there will be an opportunity to sing carols and other festive tunes.

Please come and introduce yourself! Tell me what you like about this branch, suggest a title to add, let me know your favorite genre, and most importantly, ask me a question. Providing answers and resources is a part of my job I take very seriously. At the very least, come and bask in the afternoon sunlight that streams through the window in the afternoon with a cookie in one hand and a mug of cider in the other, enveloped by the sound of your neighbours and fellow patrons.

Children are welcome at this event, and are especially encouraged to join us so that in 25 years' time, they can claim that they attended the First Annual Hot Cider Social! We will have an activity for the young (and the young at heart). Any day, children are encouraged to come for the small but mighty collection for early readers, the large collection of Legos, and a librarian who will be happy to help them cultivate a love of reading and stories. The branch is making space for the AWE Learning Station, which is a computer designed for kids, to encourage literacy and skill-building. We will be borrowing this from the Ameliasburgh branch to see if it is a good fit for our patrons. Come check it out!

As you may recall, in October, we heard from local historian Nancy Butler about Ann Farwell, a co-founder of this library. One of the highlights of this discussion was learning that the paintings that grace the walls of the library were made by Milford's own "Group of Seven," in an art class led by Ann Farwell. If these paintings inspire you to pick up a brush, perhaps we will add a paint night to our schedule of events for 2018. Find the program survey in the December newsletter and share your ideas.

Lastly, a reminder about other library services here: 2018 dog tags & burn permits. We have a variety of magazines, and will take requests for new subscriptions. We have films, cookbooks, graphic novels, and a scanner! During the holidays, we are open the usual hours with the exception of Tuesday, December 26 when we are closed. Any questions? Feel free to call the branch at 613-476-4130 or email me at milford@peclibrary.org.

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