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CELEBRATE ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK 2025

Stratford, OCT 16, 2025 – Stratford Public Library invites the community to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week (OPLW) from October 19 to 25, under the inspiring theme “Libraries for Life / Biblios pour la vie.” This annual celebration highlights the essential role libraries play in fostering lifelong learning, building community, and supporting individuals at every stage of life.

In recognition of this important week, Stratford City Council has officially proclaimed October 19–25 as Ontario Public Library Week in the City of Stratford. This proclamation honours the Stratford Public Library’s ongoing commitment to literacy, education, and community wellbeing.

“Libraries serve as community hubs for lifelong learning and play a vital role in helping people of all ages access the information and tools they need to live, learn, and work,” said Krista Robinson, CEO of Stratford Public Library. “We invite Stratford residents to explore how our library supports learning, creativity, and connection. Our doors are open to everyone—offering not just books, but a world of possibilities.”

What’s Happening at SPL During OPLW:

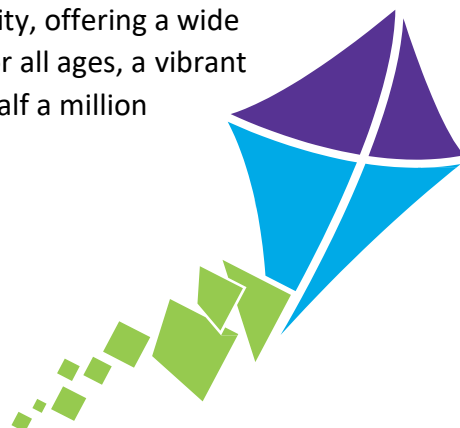
- **Daily Free Coffee:** Start your day with a complimentary cup of coffee, Monday to Friday mornings.
- **Library Draw:** Each time you check out a book, renew your card, or sign up for a new one, you’ll be entered to win a prize-filled SPL book bag.
- **Library Scavenger Hunt:** Explore the library through an interactive, all-ages scavenger hunt.
- **Social Media Fun:** Follow SPL on Instagram and Facebook for an engaging, creative look at all the reasons we love our library, and a chance to share your favourite library memories.

Stratford Public Library continues to be a cornerstone of the community, offering a wide range of resources—from books and digital collections to programs for all ages, a vibrant MakerSpace, and outreach services. Each year, SPL circulates nearly half a million items and welcomes over 140,000 in-person visitors.

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Join us in celebrating the power and promise of libraries this October. Visit splibrary.ca or stop by our location at 19 St. Andrew Street to learn more and get involved.

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