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The Polls are in – the Winning Title has been declared for 2026 Perth County Reads.

Listowel, ON — September 14, 2026 — Perth County Reads brings our community together through the joy of reading. This annual program celebrates books put on by the Perth County Information Network, the network of libraries in Perth County, highlights Canadian authors, and inspires meaningful conversations. Everyone in Perth County is invited to read the same book, share their thoughts, join engaging events, and often connect with the author in person.

To choose a title for the third annual PC Reads, the Perth County Information Network (PCIN) libraries called on their patrons and community members to vote. *Liberty Street* by Heather Marshall was chosen as the title.

Liberty Street is a riveting historical fiction novel about one journalist's harrowing journey into an infamous 1960's women's prison – and the detective who uncovers her story decades later. Inspired by true events and a real-life Canadian women's prison, *Liberty Street* is an unforgettable story about resilience, mental health, and female connections that weaves back and forth through time to a stunning and powerful conclusion. With roots in Huron County, Heather Marshall makes an authentic local tie-in. The novel appeals to readers of historical fiction, general fiction, and local historians.

This September, programs and events themed around *Liberty Street* will take place in all five Perth County communities. Every program and event is free to attend and open to all Perth County residents. Activities include a Chatelaine Magazine presentation, a Jail Tour at the Huron Historic Gaol, a feature book discussion, a "jailhouse mystery" escape room, and a night of storytelling by trailblazing women in male-dominated sectors. Explore the full lineup at <https://perthcountylibraries.ca/pcr2026>.

We invite you to read *Liberty Street* this fall. Find physical copies of the title, the eBook or audiobook at one of the PCIN libraries. Book Club Kits that contain 10 copies of each title are also available.

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About Perth County Information Network (PCIN)

The Perth County Information Network is a partnership of public libraries serving communities across Perth County, including St. Marys, Stratford, Perth East, West Perth and North Perth Public Libraries. PCIN is dedicated to providing equitable access to information, fostering lifelong learning, and supporting civic engagement throughout the region.

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