

2024 Annual Report



Collaboration brings our mission to life.

Your collective efforts created a thriving library by:

- Providing services to residents of Halton Hills
- Delivering books to Home Library Service patrons
- Mentoring young readers through Reading Buddies
- Donating and packaging seeds for our Seed Library
- Appearing in marketing campaigns
- Supporting library events and programs
- Keeping our spaces inviting
- Providing financial support for enhanced programs



Welcoming and Inclusive

Support for Seniors:

- Extended fine-free policy to patrons 65 years old and
- Built technology confidence with Book a Librarian
- Added new volunteer opportunities with Reading Buddies and the Seed Library

An average retired couple living in
Halton Hills borrows
\$6,000
worth of library materials each year.



Welcoming and Inclusive

More Key Accomplishments:

- Welcomed Nancy Cooper, author from Chippewas of Rama First Nation, who led a Family Storytime.
- Hosted an accessible media production training day for local high school students.
- Hosted our first Community Open House for 20+ organizations serving Halton Region.
- Expanded the Information Halton Hills displays to better serve residents with limited technology access.
- Introduced new autism and neurodiversity awareness training for our team to create a more welcoming space for all.

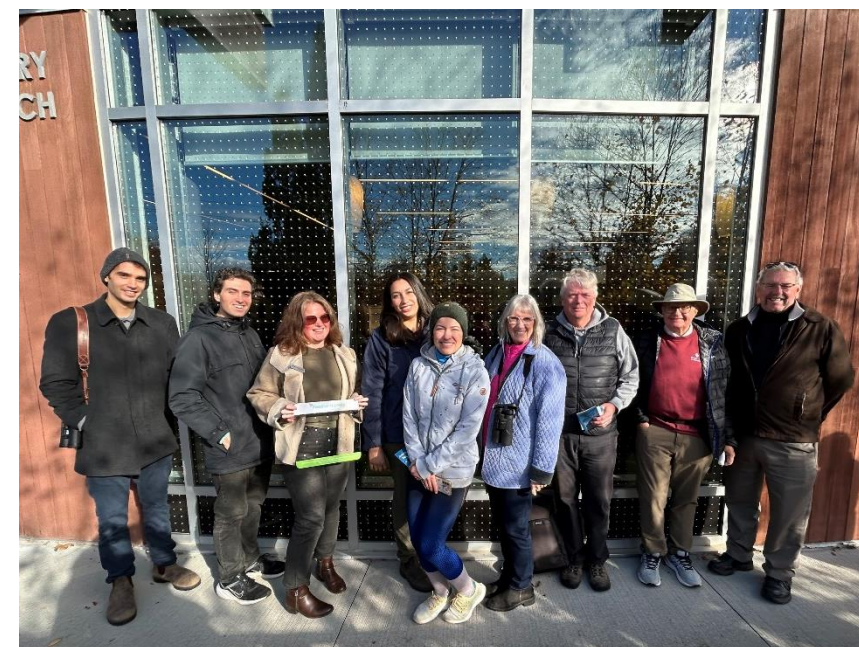


Community Connection

Supporting Nature and Well-Being:

- Bird Friendly Halton Hills supported the installation of window decals at the Acton Branch.
- Support House has a nurse practitioner and social worker meet with clients at the library.
- The Centre for Diverse Learners offers specialized programs and mental health support for neurodiverse learners.

80 community partners offered
1,548 hours of service.



Community Connection

More Key Accomplishments:

- Launched new local history exhibits for the Town's 50th anniversary.
- Distributed 9,593lbs of fresh food to those in need through our partnership with Food for Life.
- Participated in the Menstrual Equity pilot program with Georgetown Bread Basket.
- Helped families connect with visits from Bluey & Bingo and the distribution of solar eclipse glasses.
- Awarded the 2024 Technology Advancing Libraries Award for the Short Story Dispenser. Over 4,000 stories printed!



Enriching Lives

Building literacy in the community:

- TD Summer Reading encouraged 783 children to log 5,448 hours of reading and borrow 36,345 books.
- Hosted “Space to Spoon” exhibit, teaching children how space technology benefits Canadian farmers.
- Tomatosphere™ program encouraged children to explore the scientific method by growing their own tomatoes.

An average family of 4 living in
Halton Hills borrows
\$10,000
worth of library materials each year.



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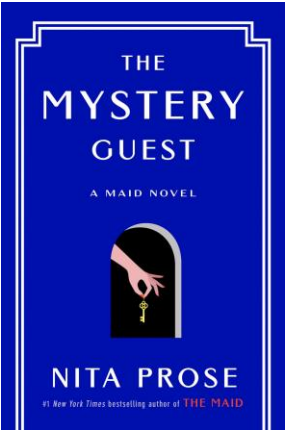
More Key Accomplishments:

- Welcomed bestselling author Nita Prose for One Book, One Halton Hills 2024.
- Partnered with Town for Go Green Halton Hills Series
- Created fun ways for children to build reading skills with an interactive play table and more read-a-long books.
- Launched a free, online tutoring service for K-12 students and adult learners.
- Added newspapers and magazines in 64 languages.
- Launched new 3D printing technology, making it possible to scan and replicate on object and print in multiple colours.

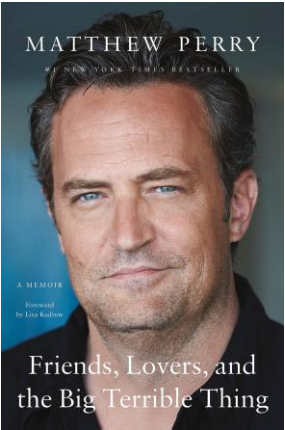


Your Favourites

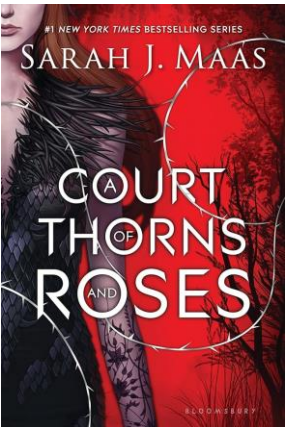
Fiction



Non-Fiction



Young Adult



Birding Backpack



Steam Deck



Sphero Indi



Children's Picture Book Series



Digital Learning Topic



Digital Newspaper



Year-at-a-Glance



18,725

Active
cardholders

3,083

New library cards



496,016

Items
borrowed

Study room usage:

8,936 bookings

15,615 hours



Meeting room rentals:

1,485 bookings

3,929 hours

223,770

Branch visits



520,036

Website visits



1,428

Programs offered

80

Program
partners

27,230

Program
attendees



2024 Video Highlights

