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Woodbridge Library Celebrates its 150th Anniversary

VAUGHAN, ONTARIO – Woodbridge Library celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2023, and on January 16 at 7 pm, the Vaughan Public Library Board is inviting customers to join them to commemorate the event.

The original Woodbridge Library was founded in 1873 by John Abell, who would later become the first Reeve of the village of Woodbridge. The Mechanics Institute was created to make books available to local factory workers, and while its location has changed over the years, the library has maintained unbroken service to the community. Even during pandemic closures, staff could offer curbside pickup service and maintain a strong connection with our loyal customers.

Vaughan Public Libraries will celebrate not just the past and present Woodbridge Library but also the future. Planned façade upgrades will improve accessibility and square footage while enhancing the library's overall look and its links to Woodbridge Avenue. A display showcasing Woodbridge and its library down the decades will be available for customers to enjoy, and architects will be present to share their vision and review the plans with the public. Customers will also have the opportunity to provide input on future services and how they would like to engage with the library. Cake and light refreshments will be served.

"We are proud to celebrate this 150 year milestone with the people of Woodbridge and to look to the future by bringing several upgrades to the branch," says Vaughan Public Library Board Chair Rose Savage. "The modern Woodbridge library embodies so much of what we aim to achieve with our library system. Vaughan Public Libraries acts as a hub for the local community, with places for children to play, seniors to gather and students to study. It offers a range of programming, from storytimes to seminars for adults. It also provides access to a world-class collection of materials, technology, and expertise. Let's celebrate the past 150 years and welcome the future together!"

"Libraries play vital roles in our communities, acting as places to gather, learn and play. Nowhere is that truer than right here, where the library has existed at the heart of the community since its infancy", commented Vaughan Public Libraries CEO Margie Singleton. "We are excited to renew our commitment to serving the people of Woodbridge by enhancing and improving the space so that it will stand for many years to come."

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