

Caledon Public Library looking for community feedback on strategic plan

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The Caledon Public Library (CPL) is reaching out to the public for community feedback to help determine future public library services.

Staff at CPL are developing a strategic plan in order to determine a long-time plan with necessary programs and library priorities with and for the community.

CPL has reached out and gained assistance of Lighthouse Consulting Inc., a strategic planning company specifically for library services, for a four-year strategic plan.

‘It’s more than providing traditional library services to Caledon residents,’ said Colleen Lipp, CPL CEO and Chief Librarian. ‘It’s about listening carefully to our community, our staff and essential research, and stepping outside of the box to demonstrate that we are truly relevant to your needs and essential to Caledon’s quality of life. We need your feedback in order to do so.’

Included in the plan is public engagement. An online public survey has been organized to gain feedback from the Caledon community.

The survey questions look at the needs of residents, how they feel about library services, and suggestions on new and different future services and programs.

‘As per our current strategic plan, CPL is envisioned as a vital service and vibrant community space. Over the last four years we have worked to strengthen facilities, build partnerships and encourage discovery, creativity and innovation,’ said Lipp.

The online survey will be available until February 15. All those who complete the 20-minute survey will have their name entered to win an Acer Chromebook laptop.

‘To genuinely reflect the vision, needs and expectations of you, the Caledon community, with this new Plan, we hope to hear from as many voices as possible,’ said Lipp.

In addition to CPL’s upcoming strategic plan, a book photo contest has begun for residents to participate in.

Beginning on January 11, and going until the end of February, residents are encouraged to submit a photo of a book with a great story or message, along with a description.

The categories include ages six to 12, 13 to 17 and 18 and older. Winners will receive cash prizes from \$50 up to \$100.

The contest is being sponsored by Friends of Caledon Public Library (FOCPL).

‘The Friends enthusiastically support this contest as we’ve done for many years,’ says FOCPL President Marty Harrison. ‘This contest is a great testament to the talent and creativity in our Caledon community.’

To learn more about the online survey, and book contest, visit Caledon.library.on.ca.