

Caledon Public Library seeks residents' help in creation of new master plan

Survey available on library's website

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The Caledon Public Library is beginning to plan for its next ten years of serving the community.

It is doing this by beginning the process of creating a brand-new master plan, which will, in turn, be used to guide the Caledon Public Library's (CPL) growth over the next decade and beyond.

CPL Communications Manager Mary Maw explained input is wanted from all community members, whether they use the library every day or they've never been to the library once.

This community input will be obtained by way of an online survey, which is available for all Caledon residents to take at the following webpage: cpl.social/survey.

Survey respondents are welcome to enter into a draw the CPL is hosting where they can win an iPad or a \$50 gift card to one of the following local Caledon businesses: Villa Caledon Inn, Ray's 3rd Generation Bistro Bakery, Gabe's Country Bake Shoppe, Rock Garden Farms, Gourmandissimo, Klaudya's Kloset, It's Roxie's and GoodLot Farmstead Brewing.

The survey, which is completely confidential, will take an estimated 20 minutes to complete and is open now until September 30, 2022.

Maw said since Caledon is a fast-growing and dynamic community, the CPL wants to ensure the following areas are accounted for in the new master plan: Existing and proposed new facilities; collections; programs and services; technology; partnerships with other community organizations; and new and innovative ways to better serve the Caledon community.

TCI Management Consultants, a business that specializes in library and cultural planning, has been hired by CPL to assist in the development of the library's new Master Plan.

Maw added CS+P Architects and other library specialists have been brought on board too, to help ensure the CPL is prepared to support the size and diversity of Caledon residents' needs.

CPL's CEO and Chief Librarian Colleen Lipp said public engagement is one of the most important parts of the master plan process.

"We're starting the process by reaching out to members of the community about what they want in a library and how to make the library as useful and relevant as possible to the residents, students, and businesses in Caledon," said Lipp in a statement.