



September 3, 2025

Re: Proclamation – Ontario Public Library Week and Canadian Public Library Month

Dear Mayor Martin Ritsma and Members of City Council,

The Stratford Public Library joins libraries all across Ontario in celebrating Ontario Public Library Week from October 19 to 25, 2025. To recognize the contributions of the public library in our community, Stratford Public Library would appreciate your support by proclaiming October 19-25, 2025 as "Ontario Public Library Week" in the City of Stratford.

October is also Canadian Library Month. During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of people in Canada.

Ontario Public Library Week provides an important opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the evolving role of libraries in our community. This annual recognition highlights how libraries remain steadfast pillars of democracy, learning, and connection while adapting to meet the changing needs of all community members. This year's theme, "Libraries for Life," emphasizes our commitment to serving patrons throughout their entire journey of growth and discovery.

Through this proclamation, we hope to amplify awareness of how Stratford Public Library continues to serve as more than just a repository of books – we are a place where hope and wonder fly—a place where everyone can explore, learn, create, connect, and be inspired to spark change for a better community.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS during this week, libraries and library partners raise awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in our lives and in our communities; and

WHEREAS the Stratford Public Library serves as an essential community hub, providing inclusive access to information, technology, and programming that enriches the lives of residents across all demographics; and

WHEREAS the dedicated board, staff and volunteers of the Stratford Public Library demonstrate steadfast commitment to fostering literacy, innovation, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS this year the theme for Ontario Public Library Week is “Libraries For Life” focusing on the role that libraries play in supporting individual and collective connections to the past and future of our communities, nations and civilizations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Stratford City Council PROCLAIMS October 19 to 25, 2025 as “Ontario Public Library Week” in the City of Stratford and encourages all residents of Stratford to show their support for our local public library by visiting, not just this week, but all year long, and utilize the wide variety of services that they have to offer.

