
Milton Public Library Joins Grandmother's Voice to Bring Truth and Reconciliation through the Arts

Milton Public Library in relationship with Grandmother's Voice invites you to the launch of an exciting project that brings Truth and Reconciliation through the arts: [101 Deweguns... A Living Hearts Legacy](#) **Saturday, March 11 at 9:30am at Main Library.**

This initiative is a part of Milton Public Library's '[Hand-Me-Down Project](#)' through the support of the [New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant](#), allowing seniors to share their knowledge and talents with teenagers from the Milton community.

The event will commence with a kick off ceremony with Grandmother's Voice, special guests and an opportunity to meet the founder of the grassroots project Indigenous Grandmother and Traditional healer Jackie Labonte and Oliver Nobosin. Following the ceremony, teens will have the opportunity to participate in assembling and designing beautiful Drums, strykers, and Drum bags that will travel all across Canada. The project reaches out to engage and support the creative talent of 101 artists from across Canada, coast to coast to coast, telling their stories of intergenerational residential school impact through the painted canvas of the Drum. These stories will reach out far and wide to help inspire others along their healing journey.

The "101 Deweguns" vision honours the legacy of Chanie Wenjack's life journey, Gord Downie's challenge to all Canadians to "Do Something" in creating a 'Next Sentence' in building a better Canada, Phyllis Webstad's early life experience and continued journey through the ongoing 'Orange Shirt' campaign, along with countless other's efforts in bringing the correct truth forward in an effort to foster open, healthy and reconciliatory dialogue. Contributing artists through their positive hope – inspired Drum Paintings become beacons of empowerment, collectively inspiring all Canadians to stand strong in bringing their truth into the light ... as with any light, no matter the size, casts out the darkness.

MPL is just one of many participating organizations that will assist in creating this legacy project that will travel across our Nation to bring healing to the hearts of the people. Through these educational workshops, the collective is encouraging the public to get involved in preparing the Drum frames for the artists.

Local teens can participate throughout the day on March 11 in any of the following three workshops:

9:30am – 11:30am

12:30pm – 2:30pm

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Interested participants can register [here](#).



About Grandmother's Voice:

Grandmothers are the original Earth Walkers who guide, direct, model, and protect culture for the coming faces. Grandmothers have preserved the core principles of peace, power and righteousness. They strengthen communities and nations through reclaiming identity, rebuilding relationships and remembering our Original Instructions. Resurgence in Indigenous Ways of Knowing is our pathway to healing as a community and nation. Reclaiming, restoring culture, land, language, holistic health and well-being is the pathway to self-determination.

About MPL:

Serving one of the fastest-growing municipalities in North America, Milton Public Library (MPL) is a multi-award winning public library system focused on innovation and service excellence. The Library's updated service delivery model is founded on community-led concepts and

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partnerships and has been highly effective, to the point that MPL continues to have the highest rate of active cardholders of any large Canadian Library (70% of residents are active members!).

MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Create. Connect. and **Be Inspired** by all MPL has to offer.

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