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## MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO HOST PROVINCE-WIDE LAUNCH OF PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK OCTOBER 18

Markham Public Libraries (MPL) is welcoming Ontario Minister of Culture **Honourable Madeleine Meilleur** to the Unionville Library on Monday October 18 at 12:30 p.m. to launch the province-wide celebration of Ontario Public Library Week. The Unionville Library is located at 15 Library Lane, east of Main Street and north of Carlton Road, Unionville. (north of Highway 7, west of Kennedy Road, Markham).

During the third week of October, Ontario celebrates the dynamic role libraries play in their communities. This year's theme is *Community Heartbeat @ your library*.

Mme. Meilleur will join representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, the Organization of Book Publishers of Ontario, Mayor **Don Cousens** and Members of Markham Council, MPL Board Chair **Joanne Pickering**, CEO **Catherine Biss**, library staff and board members and the public to kick off the week of events across the province. The Minister will announce the shortlist of nominees for the prestigious Public Library Service Awards, recognizing and promoting innovative public library service initiatives. MPL has been nominated for its Roving Information Navigator service model, which enables staff to get out from behind their desks to proactively serve customers wherever they have questions or challenges in the library.

**Dennis Lee**, critically acclaimed author of numerous award-winning books of poetry, will be on hand to read from *So Cool*, his newly published collection of poetry, for a class of pre-teens from Unionville Public School.

More than just a collection of books, Markham Public Libraries (MPL) is a leading-edge world of information and inspiration, where learning and development is encouraged for all ages. With the addition of the new, state-of-the-art Angus Glen Library, MPL continues to be recognized as a leader in library service delivery and a vital community heartbeat within the Town of Markham.

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