

## **Proclamation**

## October is Canadian Public Library Month October 17 to 23, 2021 is Ontario Library Week

**I, Mayor Sandy Brown,** on behalf of Council, and **I, Bill Rea,** on behalf of the Library Board do hereby proclaim the month of October as "Canadian Public Library Month" and October 17 to 23 as "Ontario Public Library Week" in the Town of Orangeville;

**Whereas**, the idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in the lives of Canadians; and

**Whereas,** Ontario Public Library Week was first announced by the province in 1985 and has since become the focus for promoting public library services in Ontario; and

**Whereas,** a strong library system is the cornerstone of a strong community and Ontario Public Library Week recognizes the important contribution Ontario's public libraries make to education, literacy and life-long learning in Ontario communities; and

**Whereas,** with more than 1,157 public library service points throughout Ontario, there are over 5 million Ontario active card holders, approximately 72 million in-person visits, and 110 million electronic visits.

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor Sandy Brown, on behalf of Council, and I, Bill Rea, on behalf on the Library Board urge all citizens to celebrate both Canadian Library Month and Ontario Library Week and to participate in the special activities planned in the Town of Orangeville.

Sandy Brown Mayor

Bill Rea Library Board Chair