



OLIVIA CHOW  
MAYOR

# *Proclamation*

## **I'm Library People Day**

**October 17, 2024**

WHEREAS today we raise awareness of the Toronto Public Library Foundation's city-wide campaign, I'm Library People, which takes place during Canadian Library Month, to highlight the value of libraries to local communities. As part of the campaign, people can purchase merchandise to help support Toronto Public Library's (TPL) highest priorities, including its collections, programs, services and innovative community spaces.

The I'm Library People campaign is the perfect time to celebrate the Toronto Public Library's core values: equity, diversity, intellectual freedom, innovation, integrity, accountability, and quality service for all Toronto residents.

This year, we highlight TPL's invaluable impact as a place where all children, regardless of their neighbourhood, are given equitable access to literacy, education and development opportunities through TPL's innovative programs and its dedicated staff located at 100 welcoming branches. TPL helps children develop learning and literacy skills, build confidence, make friendships, and enjoy reading to put them on a path to future success.

Libraries matter, now more than ever, and TPL's vital programs, services, collections and public spaces help build a strong, resilient and inclusive Toronto.

Today, we celebrate the Toronto Public Library and its branches as public places and spaces that provide access to a broad range of information, ideas and opportunities to help us to learn and grow, while encouraging open, uncensored dialogue and new perspectives.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 17, 2024** as "I'm Library People Day" in the City of Toronto.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olivia Chow".

Olivia Chow  
Mayor of Toronto

