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**All 100 Toronto Public Library Branches Open Every Sunday, Year-Round Starting October 19**

**Toronto, ON, -** Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, Chair of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and a member of the Toronto Public Library Board, is very pleased to see that starting this weekend **all 100 Toronto Public Library branches will be open on Sunday year-round**, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This marks a major expansion from the previous model, where only 29 of 100 branches offered Sunday service.

"I am very thrilled to see all Toronto Public Library branches, including those in Ward 24, now will be open on Sunday year-around," said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie. "Through my role with the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and on the TPL Board, I know how expanded services can make a real difference for families, students, seniors, and shift workers. I want to thank Mayor Olivia Chow for her advocacy for making this city-wide initiative possible."

This expansion aligns with Toronto Public Library's 2020–2024 Strategic Plan, *Vital to Toronto – Building Success, Resilience and Well-Being for our City*. A key priority of the plan is "Opening up our Public Space," with a focus on creating accessible, inclusive, and flexible environments that inspire Torontonians to learn and grow together. Increasing branch open hours, especially in neighbourhoods serving equity-deserving communities, is a central part of this vision. The Open Hours Implementation Plan also supports key City strategies, including the Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy, Toronto Youth Equity Strategy, and SafeTO, while advancing TPL's Service Delivery Model, Digital Strategy, and Facilities Master Plan.

The announcement coincides with Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate the essential role libraries play in fostering opportunity and engagement across our city. October also includes First Nation Public Library Week (October 6–10) and Ontario Public Library Week (October 19–25), with the theme "*Libraries For Life / Biblios pour la vie.*"

Deputy Mayor Ainslie encourages all residents to take part in Library Month activities and explore the many programs, services, and welcoming spaces available at their local branch. For a full list of programs, classes, and exhibits, visit the Toronto Public Library's website at [tpl.ca/programs](http://tpl.ca/programs)

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