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Stratford, ON, Saturday, October 17th – The Stratford Public Library is joining libraries across the nation to celebrate Canadian Library Month and to raise awareness about the valuable role that libraries play. The library is also participating in **Ontario Public Library Week from October 18-24.**

"If you've been wondering what your library can do for you, wait no longer! We've got something for everyone and Ontario Public Library Week is a great excuse to check us out," states Julia Merritt, Chief Executive Officer.

Throughout the trying months of the pandemic, libraries have pivoted to provide a beacon of light to communities. From ramping up digital services to offering virtual story times, libraries have been busy connecting with communities in exciting new ways. The Stratford Public Library continues to offer robust online and in-person services, including browsing and computer appointments, MakerSpace Open Labs, virtual and online programs, and much more.

In light of this unprecedented time, the Stratford Public Library is more excited than ever to announce exciting ways that you can help celebrate your library during Ontario Public Library Week.

Here are some great opportunities to join in the fun:

- **Get a fresh start.** Return long overdue or thought-to-be lost library books without penalty.
- **Challenge yourself.** Try out awesome online challenges on Beanstack. Something for all ages!
- **Participate online.** Join in virtual programs – for kids, teens, and adults – all week long!
- **Create something.** Book an appointment in the MakerSpace to work on projects, and learn new skills. Small businesses are encouraged to explore ways that the MakerSpace can help promote and grow your business.
- **Stay connected.** Check out our social media channels for fun posts highlighting Ontario authors.

Want to know more? Visit splibrary.ca/oplw2020

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