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PCIN Celebrates 20 years of Innovative Leadership

Perth County, October 24, 2019— Join us during Ontario Public Libraries Week as the Perth County Information Network celebrates 20 years of Innovative Leadership!

Perth County Information Network was created by Perth County’s libraries twenty years ago as a way to share resources, improve Library services and change lives in our communities. Incorporating a shared library catalogue, PCIN is able to leverage the collections of each member library to provide customers access to 215,579 items regardless of where they live. Last year, PCIN shared 72,515 items amongst its member libraries.

“The Perth County Information Network has enabled resource sharing that allows the partner libraries to increase the use of their collections, while extending the reach of library patrons far beyond their home communities. It gives them access to resources equivalent to much larger urban centres without leaving their home library,” says Charles Fitzsimmons, Board Chair for the Perth County Information Network.

Along with the shared collection, PCIN has implemented new technologies and strategies to better enhance and streamline library services. The libraries continue to find ways to collaborate in areas of program planning, training and collection development as they respond to continuing social and political changes. “The Board’s strategy is to ensure library services are progressive and streamlined. We are excited for what the future holds for PCIN” says Management Committee Chair Kendra Roth, CEO of Perth East Public Library.

Commemorate this historic occasion with a visit to your local PCIN public library for festivities, remarks and refreshments as Perth County Information Network marks the 20th year of County-wide collaboration.

The Details:

On Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm visit any of the PCIN libraries:

North Perth Public Library**
Perth East Public Library
Stratford Public Library
St. Marys Public Library
West Perth Public Library

Comments will be shared at 2:30pm, with local treats throughout.

**Visit Atwood Branch between 1-2pm, Monkton Branch between 3-4pm and Listowel Branch between 1-4 (with remarks at 2:30 in Listowel)

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact your local PCIN member library:

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