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Go wild this summer at the Stratford Public Library!

Stratford, Ontario – Stratford Public Library is wild about summer! So much so that we've invited falcons, kestrels, and owls to our Summer Launch Party on Saturday June 15th from 10:00-11:30am at the Upper Queen's Park Bandshell.

Bring the whole family for a morning filled with fun! Get up close and personal with the raptor ambassadors of Wild Ontario as you explore their habitats and learn about conservation. Join in family-friendly activities and meet our TD Summer Reading Club staff. Families are invited to pick up their free summer reading kit and this summer's program calendar.

"Loving wildlife is one thing, but learning about habitats and conservation is much more meaningful when you can meet a raptor face to face. Or face to beak, in this case," states Adult Outreach and Collections Librarian, Robyn Godfrey. She exclaims that "we can barely wait to meet the raptor ambassadors of Wild Ontario!"

Wild Ontario is based out of the Department of Animal Biosciences at the University of Guelph. They use live birds-of-prey to teach about science and help people make connections to nature through educational programs across the province. Wild Ontario works with native (to Ontario), non-releasable birds. These birds have suffered a negative encounter with humans, and cannot be released into the wild. Wild Ontario gives these birds a new purpose, using them for public education and awareness. Special thanks to the Stratford and District Leisure Activity Council, the TD Summer Reading Club, City of Stratford, and Wild Ontario, for making this event possible.

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