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MAKE! CREATE! INNOVATE! CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW MAKERSPACE

Caledon, ON – Caledon Public Library (CPL) is excited to announce a new project to reimagine the Margaret Dunn Valleywood Branch. Thanks to federal and provincial support through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), along with the Town of Caledon, the Caledon Public Library will soon be able to introduce innovative new services and technologies not yet available anywhere else in Caledon. The modernized branch will house a maker space and recording studio as well as spaces for working, learning and meeting... and of course books. Our collections will focus on supporting these new services with special collections for local businesses and entrepreneurs and an emphasis on technology, making, and creativity. The renovated branch will also continue to act as a pickup and return location for all CPL materials.

“We are excited that these new services will be delivered in the heart of Valleywood and expect that neighborhood residents will take full advantage of all that will be available on their doorstep,” says Colleen Lipp, CPL CEO and Chief Librarian. “With its easy access to Hwy 10 and the 410, we also see this branch as a destination for all of Caledon.”

Not tech savvy, no worries. There is no need to be an expert. Makerspaces are one of the best ways to learn the skills that are essential today and for the future. Equipped with resources such as computers, 3-D printers, audio and video capture and editing tools, and traditional arts and crafts supplies, they provide a place where people create, invent, learn together, and build skills for life. Libraries around the world are home to these vibrant learning and innovation hubs for co-creation.

The branch will host many maker, technology and craft workshops facilitated by both CPL staff and experts from the community. We look forward to collaborating with the Town’s Economic Development and Recreation Teams to offer programs and events for local businesses and residents.

Design work will begin this summer, with construction anticipated to begin by early 2022. Construction will require that the branch will be closed temporarily. Branch staff will be reassigned to serve patrons at other branch locations until such time that we can again open the doors in Valleywood.

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About Caledon Public Library

Supporting a **growing community** of communities across 700 square kilometers, [Caledon Public Library](#) offers services, collections and programs in our seven branches. Located in small villages as well as urban centres, these hubs serve as the cornerstones of the community, connecting people to information and each other. With an ever-expanding number of digital tools, CPL provides access to

downloadable eBooks and streaming movies and music. Whether connecting, collaborating or creating in our spaces or discovering and getting inspired from the comfort of home, all is possible – and free - with your library card.

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