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## MPL Librarian Kanta Kapoor to Receive Internet Archive Hero Award 2021

Announced today at the Library Leaders Forum, Milton Public Library's Manager, Support Services, Kanta Kapoor, will receive this year's Internet Archive Hero Award. Kanta will be presented with the award at next week's Library Leaders Forum session.

The Internet Archive Hero Award is an annual award that recognises those who have exhibited leadership in making information available for digital learners all over the world. Previous recipients have included librarian and professor of law Michelle Wu, Phillips Academy, the Biodiversity Heritage Library, and the Grateful Dead.

Internet Archive was looking for libraries and librarians who rose to the challenge—this was the year that libraries and librarians have been needed like never before. Kanta exemplifies the spirit of an Internet Archive Hero by helping MPL become an early adopter of Controlled Digital Lending in 2019.

“Through MPL's adoption of controlled digital lending in 2019, Kanta used her strong leadership skills to help build the partnership with Internet Archive, such that we were able to provide our patrons with access to tens of thousands of digitised materials at a time when they were more welcome than ever, during the pandemic lockdowns, while also being able to donate over 40,000 items for the benefit of a truly global audience,” said Chief Librarian, Mark Williams.

For more information about the Internet Archive Hero Award, visit:

<http://blog.archive.org/2021/10/13/librarians-kanta-kapoor-and-lisa-radha-weaver-to-receive-internet-archive-hero-award-2021>

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### About MPL:

Serving one of the fastest-growing municipalities in North America, Milton Public Library (MPL) is a multi-award winning public library system focussed on innovation and service excellence. The Library's updated service delivery model is founded on community-led concepts and partnerships and has been highly effective, to the point that MPL now has the highest rate of active cardholders of any large Canadian Library (68% of residents are active members!).

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