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MPL Launches its 2021 Summer Reading Club with New York Times Bestselling Author, Dan Gutman! Friday, June 18, 12pm & 2pm

Summer is around the corner and Milton Public Library is once again welcoming children, teens and their families to get excited about reading by registering for **MPL's Summer Reading Club** with **Beanstack**. Join in on the fun as the SRC kicks off with **Dan Gutman Friday, June 18 at 12pm and 2pm** through Zoom.

Dan Gutman is an award-winning, New York Times bestselling children's author. He will be hosting two presentations on **June 18th** where he will be reading some of his work, discussing his writing style and answering kids' burning questions! The first event at **12pm** will be geared towards children in JK to Grade 2 while the second event at **2pm** will be for children in Grades 2 to 5. This launch is not one to be missed!

Beginning Saturday June 19th and throughout the summer, children and teens are encouraged to register free of charge for MPL's Summer Reading Club online at beinspired.ca/kidssrc2021. Participants will log their reading through the Beanstack app, receive badges for reading milestones and earn tickets which can be used to enter draws for exciting prizes including Nintendo Switch, GoPro, Bluetooth Headphones, and so much more! Readers can register for the Preschool SRC (ages 0-5), the School-Aged SRC (ages 6-12) or the Teen SRC (ages 13-17). Each age group will be given a reading goal to work towards from **June 19th – August 29th**. Participants can read absolutely anything that gets them excited about reading – there are no required reading lists.

"Milton Public Library is once again delighted to host our online Summer Reading Club through Beanstack. In doing so, we're able to support the ongoing literacy development of participants in a way that continues to emphasise reading as a fun activity," shares Chief Librarian Mark Williams.

Milton Public Library is one of many public libraries across Canada who will host a Summer Reading Club, helping to increase youth literacy. Various studies show children who participate in summer reading clubs maintain their reading level, whereas children who do not read over the summer may suffer from what's called "summer slide". Summer slide is the term given to the loss of academic skills and knowledge that can occur over the course of the summer holidays. This loss is cumulative and children who do not read throughout the summer can be up to two

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years behind by the time they reach Grade 6. The TD Summer Reading Club is a great way to keep children reading and on the path to learning.

For the Children's Summer Reading Club, visit: beinspired.ca/kidssrc2021

For the Teen's Summer Reading Club, visit: beinspired.ca/teensrc2021

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