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## Councillor Paul Ainslie Announces Sunday Hours at Toronto Public Library Guildwood Branch, Expanding Access for Scarborough Residents

**Toronto, ON, -Today,** Councillor Paul Ainslie, a member of the Toronto Public Library (TPL) Board, joined Mayor Olivia Chow today at the Toronto Public Library Guildwood Branch to announce the extension of operating hours to include Sundays. Starting September 7, 2025, the Guildwood branch will be open from 12 PM to 5 PM, providing increased access to vital library services for the community.

"Libraries are so important to this community," said Councillor Ainslie. "From hosting reading clubs to welcoming families on weekends, they are places where our city comes together. With free Wi-Fi, thousands of books, audiobooks, movies, and other resources, libraries offer valuable support for students, families, and individuals. At a time when life has never felt more expensive for people across Scarborough, libraries are also one of the last free places to get out of the house and spend time with family, friends, and loved ones."

This initiative is part of a broader TPL Open Hours Plan embedded within the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy, recognizing the importance of extended hours for priority city services. The plan aims to achieve year-round service at all 100 library branches by September 2026. This expansion of hours is supported by a \$1.9 million enhancement in the 2025 budget.

The extension of hours at the Guildwood branch is a significant step towards achieving this goal. This expansion will increase library hours city-wide by 14%. Last year's expansion of library hours saw a 60% increase in library usage, demonstrating the community's need for these services. 81% of Torontonians use the library.

"We look forward to welcoming you to the Guildwood Branch on Sundays and continuing to serve you with the excellent library services you have come to expect," added Councillor Ainslie.

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