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Kitchener Public Library launches new board game collection to enhance early literacy skills.

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Over 100 new board games are now available from Kitchener Public Library. Each game has been thoughtfully selected by local Psychology Professor, Dr. Daniela O'Neill, for its ability to develop children's language, thinking and social skills through play.

"Hands-on learning through play is such a fantastic way to build literacy skills in children. Beyond being fun, these games also reinforce literacy concepts like letter recognition, reading comprehension and storytelling mechanics. We are so grateful for Daniela's partnership and generous donation which made this collection possible." — Mary Chevreau, CEO, Kitchener Public Library

This collection is made possible through a financial donation by Daniela O'Neill in memory of her mother, Maria C. O'Neill.

Maria was a lifelong reader and supporter of libraries. She loved conversation, books and playing board and card games. Maria shared these passions throughout her life with her children, grandchildren, friends and many students as an ESL teacher in Toronto.

The board games are available to all Kitchener Public Library cardholders. Board games can be placed on hold online and picked up through [Curb and Carry](#) at any library location.

[Learn more about the board game collection.](#)

About the Kitchener Public Library

Kitchener Public Library is a hub of activity and one of the most significant community spaces in the City of Kitchener. The library boasts five locations located throughout the city; including the award-winning and recently renovated and expanded Central Library near the downtown core. The library has 102,000 active members and welcomes 1.2 million visitors each year. To learn more about Kitchener Public Library, visit kpl.org. To be the first to find out what's happening at the library, follow [@KitchLibrary](https://twitter.com/KitchLibrary) on Twitter.

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