

Community Update – Library Reopening

Dear residents,

The Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) has approved our request for first collective agreement arbitration. As we await the scheduling of a hearing date, our employees will return to work. We are pleased to share that the BWG Public Library (BWGPL) will be reopening to the community on **Wednesday, October 4th at 4:00 pm**, followed by regular business hours thereafter (Monday to Friday, from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm; Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Sundays, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm). Thanksgiving Holiday hours will be posted on our website.

As we reopen for in-person services, we understand the anxieties that may be felt, from both a community member's and an employee's perspective. Management is working hard to ensure a smooth transition with a primary focus on relationship building for everyone. We remain committed to providing a positive, neutral, and welcoming environment for all.

On behalf of the Library Board, we warmly welcome our employees back to work. We value your contributions and commitment to our library and its patrons and look forward to returning on a healthy and positive chapter together. To our patrons – we appreciate your understanding and patience during our closure. We are grateful to have our employees return to work so that we can reopen our doors and continue serving the community of BWG.

Your continued patience is appreciated as we work hard to transition back to in-person services. During this transition, some services, like printing or computers, may not be available on the first day.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the library.

Thank you,