

## Halloween Party to be held at the Library on October 30

Premier Doug Ford has advised against trick or treating in COVID-19 hotspots such as Toronto, Ottawa, York Region and Peel.

While the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, says the risk is too high for transmission in those areas, Simcoe Muskoka is allowed to go forward.

However, many new parents may feel unsafe to trick or treat this year and cancel the activity for their household altogether. But that doesn't mean they can't celebrate safely with their little ones on October 30 at the New Tecumseth Public Library's 'My First Halloween Party' for babies. The event is being held in accordance with government guidelines for COVID-19.

The party will feature Halloween-themed action rhymes, songs and stories. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes and a selfie station will be on site.

"We're really excited to be able to hold something during COVID times," said library interim CEO, Graeme Peters. "I think parents are very excited about dressing their babies up in costumes? it's going to be the cutest thing you've ever seen."

There will be three mini Halloween parties on October 30 with two being held at Keogh Park in Tottenham at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. and one in Alliston's Riverdale Park for 2:00 p.m.

To register email your preferred time, location, name, babies name and age to [child-youthservices@ntpl.ca](mailto:child-youthservices@ntpl.ca).

If there is inclement weather, the Halloween parties will be rescheduled for November 2.

Each party will have a maximum of 12 participants and Peters said he's hopeful the event will fill up.

"I think it's going to be a great social event, which I think people really need at this time," said Peters. "It's just going to be a lot of fun, getting into the Halloween spirit."

Meanwhile, the Tottenham Library branch has moved out of the Tottenham Mall and temporarily relocated to the Youth Room at the Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre (139 Queen St. N.) until the new branch opens in the coming weeks.

"It's limited service and we're just basically waiting for whenever we can move into the new facility. I don't have a date as of yet, so I'm pretty anxious and I know people in the public are pretty anxious as well but we'll just have to be patient, it's the only choice we have at this point," said Peters.

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