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Award-winning Port Colborne children’s book lands in schools

The book features children’s artwork from last year’s Touch-A-Truck event.



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Port Colborne Public Library chief executive officer Rachel Tkachuk, left, and librarian Hannah Madsen with a copy of the Touch-a-Truck book featuring artwork by local children, now available in school libraries and for purchase at the Port Colborne Public Library.

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A book created by children during Port Colborne's Touch-a-Truck event last October is making its way into local school libraries after receiving provincial recognition.

The annual event gives children an interactive experience with municipal service vehicles such as fire trucks, snowplows and construction equipment.

The Port Colborne Public Library compiled a collection of artwork done by children attending last year's event into a book that went on to win the Minister's Award for Innovation during the Ontario Library Association Super Conference at the end of January.

With the book now receiving wider attention, the Port Colborne Public Library is donating a copy to every elementary school library in Port Colborne, and making copies available for purchase at the library.

All proceeds from the sales will be used to support children's library programming.

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In a news release, Rachel Tkachuk, the library's chief executive officer, said the project celebrates children's creativity and the engagement of the community.

"It's great to be able to share this type of project with libraries from across the province," she said.

Copies of the book can be preordered for \$10 at the library.

More details about the Port Colborne Public Library and its programs can be found on its [website](#).

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