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**Williamstown’s Public Library Celebrates 150 Years With Open House**

In 1874, the citizens of Williamstown voted to establish a public library, supported by funds collected from dog licenses. From its modest beginnings in a corner of Cole’s General Store on Water Street, the Milne Public Library now boasts a collection of 53,500 books, 6,700 card holders, and a circulation of over 100,000 last year. The public is invited to celebrate at a **150th Anniversary Open House** at the Milne Library, 1095 Main Street in Williamstown on Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Drop by and visit with library staff, volunteers, trustees, and Friends as we begin our next 150 years. Come and enjoy the following:

* Trio Café Budapest will entertain with toe-tapping music.
* Davis Bates, award winning singer and storyteller, will present two programs

of participatory folk songs and stories for all ages at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

* Robin Brickman, nationally known illustrator and school workshop leader, will present two one-hour bookmark-making workshops for children (ages 5 and up) at 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
* There will be cupcakes and lemonade from M & J’s Taste of Home Events and Catering.
* Free drawings for a variety of great prizes.

Other celebrations will occur throughout the year. The list of events can be found on the library’s website: [www.milnelibrary.org](http://www.milnelibrary.org).

The Williamstown Public Library’s 150th anniversary open house is made possible through generous funding by Trustees and Friends of the Milne Public Library.