

# Call for Student Abstracts

## Expanding Horizons: Shaping Public Library Knowledge and Practice Through Partnered Research

Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch, 4th Floor | November 12, 2025

Hamilton Public Library (HPL) is hosting its inaugural Expanding Horizons Research Symposium, a full-day event bringing together students, scholars, library staff, and community partners to explore how research can inform and transform public library practice. Through keynotes, lightning talks, panels, and a dedicated Student Poster Showcase, the symposium highlights innovative partnerships and emerging research on the role of public libraries in fostering knowledge, inclusion, and community well-being.

### Student Poster Showcase

We invite students to share their research as part of this exciting event. If your work engages with public libraries, library services, communities, or broader issues of knowledge and social impact, we want to hear from you.

This is an opportunity to:

- Present your research in a supportive environment
- Engage with public library professionals, researchers, and community partners
- Contribute to shaping the future of public library knowledge and practice

### Key Details

- Abstracts must be no longer than 150 words
- HPL will facilitate poster printing at their Central Branch (cost also covered)
- Abstract submission opens: **September 1, 2025**
- Submission deadline: **September 30, 2025**
- Notification of acceptance: **October 10, 2025**
- Student Poster Showcase: **November 12, 2025 (12:30–2:00 pm)**

### How to Submit

Please submit your 150-word abstract through the Google Form:

[\[https://forms.gle/5tkFQP6rEKpX8pb29\]](https://forms.gle/5tkFQP6rEKpX8pb29)

*Join us at HPL to share your ideas, connect with others, and contribute to an evolving community of public library research and practice.*

