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**Halton Hills Public Library Announces One Book, One Halton Hills Title:  
*Motorcycles and Sweetgrass* by noted Indigenous author Drew Hayden Taylor**

**HALTON HILLS, ON** –Halton Hills Public Library has announced this year’s One Book, One Halton Hills title: *Motorcycles and Sweetgrass* by Drew Hayden Taylor.

Created as a way to foster literacy in our community, One Book, One Halton Hills encourages everyone to read and discuss the same book. Now in its seventh year, the program continues to be a source of great summer entertainment and a catalyst for lively conversation. The title itself was chosen to synchronize with Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations; its rich storyline opens the door to greater understanding of Canada’s Indigenous Peoples.

The book is set in Otter Lake: a sleepy Anishnawbe community. Little happens there until the day a handsome stranger pulls up astride a 1953 Indian Chief motorcycle - and turns Otter Lake completely upside down.

An Ojibway from the Curve Lake First Nations in Ontario, Drew Hayden Taylor has worn many hats in his literary career, from performing stand-up comedy at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., to being Artistic Director of Canada’s premiere Native theatre company, Native Earth Performing Arts.

He is an award-winning playwright (with over 70 productions of his work), a journalist/columnist (appearing regularly in several Canadian newspapers and magazines), short-story writer, novelist, television scriptwriter, and has worked on over 17 documentaries exploring the Native experience.

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“We are particularly thrilled to announce this title during Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> year,” said Beverley King, Adult Services Librarian. “We chose this work not only for its Indigenous themes but for its sheer readability and cultural significance. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library and the Communication Foundation of Halton North, we are proud to welcome Drew Hayden Taylor to the John Elliott Theatre – he is a superb storyteller who uses humor to delight audiences everywhere he goes.”

Patrons are encouraged to visit the library in person or online to reserve their copy of *Motorcycles and Sweetgrass*.

### **An Evening With Drew Hayden Taylor**

Presented by the Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library  
Wednesday, September 20  
7:00 pm, John Elliott Theatre  
Tickets \$10 at the box office

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### **About the Halton Hills Public Library**

The Halton Hills Public Library (HHPL) provides free access to best-selling books, eBooks and eReaders, newly released DVDs, CDs and more. Professionally-trained Library staff go beyond Google in the search for information. Every week, approximately 2,220 people come through the Library’s doors, in addition to the more than 3,000 who visit electronically. For more information on programs, services, hours of operation and access to the online catalogue, visit [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca).

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