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Tyendinaga Township Public Library Secures \$48,000 Grant from The Commonwell's L.E.A.F. Program

[Shannonville, ON] – Tyendinaga Township Public Library is thrilled to announce a \$48,000 grant from The Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group's Learning Engagement & Accelerator Fund (L.E.A.F.) for its "Revitalizing Accessibility" project. This grant provides the funding required to make the Library's physical and online presence more accessible to members of the communities with disabilities and increases their capacity for educational workshops through upgrades to technology.

"We already know our library is a gem in our community. Thanks to The Commonwell's L.E.A.F. Grant, we are able to ensure our space is flexible in the ever changing atmosphere of rural library programming, the possibilities are endless," says Kristin Karrell, CEO and Head Librarian at the Tyendinaga Township Public Library.

Administered by The Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group, the L.E.A.F. program invested \$350,000 in grants this year, scaling from previous years. Tim Shauf, President of The Commonwell, emphasizes the program's impact, stating, "We received over \$2.7 million in funding requests this year, highlighting its crucial role in supporting communities." Shauf adds, "We believe in fostering strength and resilience within the communities we serve, and this year's projects are positioned to make a lasting positive impact."

L.E.A.F.'s mission is simple: cultivate community resilience and capacity through program development and facility/resource upgrades in places where residents learn, play, engage, and gather.

For more details about Tyendinaga Township Public Library's "Revitalizing Accessibility" project visit thecommonwell.ca/leaf.

About Tyendinaga Township Public Library:

The Tyendinaga Township Public Library is a community-based activity centre and library established to promote literacy and provide all residents of the township with access to information and the enjoyment of literature. For more information: www.ttpl.ca or find us on **Facebook** @tyendinagatownshippubliclibrary and on **Instagram** @tyendinaga_twp_library

About The Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group:

For over 100 years, The Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group has provided insurance for Ontario's farmers, families, and businesses. With a focus on the rural lifestyle, The Commonwell believes in giving back to the communities it serves through annual philanthropy efforts, including the L.E.A.F. program. Learn more at thecommonwell.ca/impact2023.

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