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Intergenerational Book Club Brings Teens and Seniors Together

[CITY, DATE] – Springfield Public Library has launched a new intergenerational book club connecting Grade 10 students from Springfield High School with residents of Hazelton Retirement Community, fostering meaningful connections across generations.

The program was created in response to growing concerns about social isolation among older adults. Recent local discussions, including commentary from the City's Public Health Officer on WKBL Radio, have highlighted the impact of isolation on seniors' mental health, including increased rates of depression.

"This program is about more than books—it's about building relationships and creating a sense of belonging," said Keisha Adams, Youth Librarian at Springfield Public Library. "We've already seen how powerful it can be to bring people of different generations together through shared reading and conversation."

Participants meet weekly to discuss selected titles, share perspectives, and build connections. The initiative also supports youth engagement and community involvement, building on a broader trend of increased teen volunteerism.

Media are invited to attend an upcoming session of the book club:

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, **[INSERT DATE]**

Time: **[INSERT TIME]**

Location: Hazelton Retirement Community

Photo opportunities and interviews with participants and library staff are available upon request.

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