



Nominating Committee Report June 2025

The Nominating Committee of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library is pleased to recommend the appointment of the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

1. **Melinda Wilson**

Melinda Wilson (she/her) is a Guelphite, a wife and mother and a content marketing manager for D2L, a global EdTech company headquartered in Kitchener. She has an extensive background in writing and producing for both digital and broadcast media. She's worked on various nationally acclaimed television shows that have aired on CTV, The Comedy Network, Corus Entertainment and the CBC. Some of her credits include Canada's #1 daytime talk show, *The Social*, ratings giant, *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Over The Rainbow* and *A Conversation with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: A Bell Let's Talk Day Special*. She also produced the first six seasons of the award-winning podcast *#ElderWisdom: Stories from the Green Bench*, which amassed more than 100,000 downloads. Melinda earned her BFA at Concordia University and is a graduate of The Second City's Conservatory Program.

2. **Isuri Herath**

Isuri is a registered midwife working at Family Midwifery Care of Guelph. Before she became a midwife, she completed her BA at Carleton in English Literature and Women's Studies, and then her Master's in Immigration and Settlement Studies at Ryerson University. Her research focused on the experiences of midwives providing care to uninsured immigrants in Ontario. In her free time, she enjoys baking, competitive trivia, and organizing board game nights. She and her husband both grew up in Guelph and they are thrilled to be raising their family here!

3. **Nethmi Kulatilake**

Hi everyone, my name is Nethmi Kulatilake. I moved to Guelph in 2022 after purchasing my first home with my partner Adi and dog Ellie (though she conveniently does not pay rent). Guelph has quickly become my favourite city where I hope to build my family and I am excited to contribute to this amazing community. My education revolves around international affairs, community engagement, and leadership. I am currently working in International Education at York University and have largely worked in the post-secondary industry, focused on student success. In my day job, I am most energized when solving systemic issues, improving processes and supporting equity deserving communities. Outside of work, I love all things related to animals, nature and travel. I'm always happy to connect with people about their pets, gardening adventures (as I attempt to develop a green thumb), and travel stories. I look forward to supporting the FGPL's mission in any way I can.

The Nominating Committee believes that the appointment of Melinda Wilson, Isuri Herath and Nethmi Kulatilake will strengthen the FGPL Board's ability to support the Guelph Public Library and its vital work in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominations Committee – Lorna Rourke, James Broadley, Ian Findlay