

Media Advisory

Winter WonderLearn Festival Celebrates its Sixteenth Year

February 13, 2019—The award-winning Winter WonderLearn festival is right around the corner! A winter highlight for the community, the event is being held on the Family Day holiday Monday, February 18, 2019, from 10am to 2pm at the Clarington Public Library's Courtice Branch and Courtice Community Complex.

Children and their families can get out into the community and enjoy interactive demonstrations and activities offered by local organizations based on this year's theme, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). The Municipality of Clarington is also offering a free swim at the Courtice Community Complex from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The festival's special guest this year is Mad Science with interactive shows throughout the day. Their spellbinding "Up, Up & Away" show will introduce children to the principles of air pressure and illustrate how it affects the world around them. The Mad Scientists will make a hot air balloon out of a dry cleaning bag, a Dinosaur Sneeze, and demonstrate how air pressure can be used to create special effects in the movies. The grand finale will thrill everyone as audience members experience the wondrous and floating powers of a Mad Science Hovercraft.

Now in its sixteenth year, Winter WonderLearn was awarded the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, a provincial Ontario Public Library Service Award, in February 2018. Managed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Public Library Service Awards identify and promote creative public library service ideas. The Angus Mowat Award of Excellence recognizes a commitment to excellence in the delivery of public library service.

The **Winter WonderLearn Festival** is being held on **Family Day Monday, February 18**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the **Courtice Branch of the Clarington Public Library** (inside the Courtice Community Complex, **2950 Courtice Rd.**) More information may be found on the Library's website at www.clarington-library.on.ca/wwl. The Library gratefully acknowledges the festival's key sponsor, Ontario Power Generation.

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