

## *Media Advisory*

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# Services for Summer at Clarington Public Library!

July 16, 2020— Clarington Public Library is continuing to expand services to support the community through the summer months. With continued Take-Out Service, a virtual TD Summer Reading Club, and new Computer Access Appointments, the Library is steadily adding more services and experiences for Clarington residents.

Take-Out Service has received overwhelmingly positive interest, as members look forward to getting summer reads or movies to cool off with on hot afternoons. And the TD Summer Reading Club, designed to help combat the summer slide, has moved online! Each week through the summer, the Library shares content online for children and their families, including special Epic Experiences with community partners; storytimes in French and English; STEAM activities to try at home; quiet time sing alongs to help get ready for naptimes; and downloadable pieces like activity sheets or reading lists.

The Library will begin appointments for Computer Access at the Courtice, Newcastle, and Orono branches beginning on July 20<sup>th</sup>. 45-minute time slots are available during the Library's service hours, which members can book online or call 905-623-7322 ext. 2712 for assistance in reserving a time slot. Computer stations will be cleaned and disinfected between users.

Prior to entering a branch, all members must have a computer booking and review the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Test. For the safety of both the public and Library staff, access to other areas of the Library, including the items on the shelves, is not currently available. In accordance with the instructions issued by Durham Region's Medical Officer of Health, members will be required to wear a proper non-medical face mask or face covering in order to gain admittance to the building, unless they have an exemption as outlined in the instructions.

"We are very appreciative that the community has been so supportive and patient as we adjust and adapt our services," says Linda Kent, CEO of Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives. "For those without access to technology or high-speed internet, we know how important it is to be able to use the Library to connect with distant friends and family, complete government forms, apply for a job, or engage in any of the other numerous activities that are now conducted online."

For more information about any of the Library's services, please visit the Library's website at [www.clarington-library.on.ca](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca), contact us via email ([info@clarington-library.on.ca](mailto:info@clarington-library.on.ca)), or phone (905-623-7322 ext. 2712).

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