



Media Advisory

Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives Open to the Public in Step 3 Reopening

July 27, 2021—Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives is pleased to resume in-person services as part of the Province of Ontario’s Roadmap to Reopen Step 3.

As of Wednesday, July 21, access to the collection shelves, computers, study tables, children’s areas, and public washrooms is open to the public at all four Clarington Public Library branches. Clarington Museums & Archives has also resumed in-person research services and self-guided exhibit tours by appointment at the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre. Masks and physical distancing are still required at all locations.

“It’s wonderful to welcome the community back through our doors,” says Linda Kent, Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives CEO. “The response has been tremendously positive; people are very happy to be able to come back into the space to explore the collections and exhibits in person.”

Throughout the pandemic, the Library and Museum offered a variety of electronic services. “Our staff pivoted rapidly to offer a variety of programs and services, which were available virtually over the internet and offline by way of phone and mail. We expanded and improved our electronic collections of books, magazines, and newspapers to meet the demand online,” continues Ms. Kent. “We also introduced new initiatives to keep our community connected, such as Borrow by Mail and loanable mobile WiFi hotspots. As we progress through the Province’s Roadmap to Reopen, we will continue to adjust our service model in order to meet community needs and address safety regulations, by maintaining a blend of virtual and in-person services.”

The Library’s virtual Summer Reading Club will continue throughout the summer. Children can sign-up today to beat the summer brain drain by participating in virtual reading programs and activities and enjoy virtual author visits in August. For outside family fun, check out the latest Storywalk® at the Bowmanville Westside Conservation Area of *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward, presented in partnership with Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA).

For more information about Library services, please visit the Library’s website at www.clarington-library.on.ca, or contact Member Services at info@clarington-library.on.ca or 905-623-7322 ext. 2712. For more information about Museum research services and exhibits, please visit the Museum’s website at www.claringtonmuseums.com, or contact Museum staff at info@claringtonmuseums.com or 905-623-2734.

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