

## Media Advisory

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# Canadian Library Month: Your Library, Your World!

September 29, 2010—Celebrate Canadian Library Month this October! Clarington Public Library is taking this year's theme of "Your Library, Your World" to heart, and celebrating new ways to reach the library, Canadian authors, its customers, and the exploration of the Clarington community. Discover your world through your library this October!

### **A New Look, Online and In Print**

The library is proud and excited to be launching a new look for its program Guide and website, just in time for Canadian Library Month! Enjoy media-rich content on new items, upcoming programs, special events, and more!

Experience a new way to access your library! Take a browse through the new Guide, and check out the library's new website at [www.clarington-library.on.ca](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca).

### **Children's Author Visit: Wallace Edwards**

Join Governor General's Award winning author and illustrator Wallace Edwards as he talks about his experiences producing his critically acclaimed picture books. Children and adults alike will be amazed at the exquisite illustrations Mr. Edwards includes in his creative and unique works.

One of his recent books, *The Painted Circus*, won the prestigious Governor General's Award and features a self-described "mesmerizing menagerie of trickery and illusion guaranteed to beguile and bamboozle the beholder."

Be amazed by Mr. Edwards and his fantastic beasts at 1:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Bowmanville Branch of the Clarington Public Library (163 Church Street, Bowmanville).

*The Clarington Public Library gratefully acknowledges the support of Canada Council for the Arts.*

### **Children's Author Visit: Sylvia McNicoll**

Meet Ajax-born award-winning author of over twenty novels for young people, Sylvia McNicoll, as she discusses her journey as a writer and talks about her short stories and novels.

Having loved writing and books since authoring her first composition in grade 4, Ms. McNicoll has won critical acclaim with her *Bringing Up Beauty* series, following a teenage girl dealing with a new school, changing friendships, and her beloved Guide Dogs.

Discover more about local author Ms. McNicoll at 1:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Bowmanville Branch of the Clarington Public Library (163 Church Street, Bowmanville).

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### **Customer Appreciation Day**

Visit any branch of the Clarington Public Library to enjoy some light refreshments as your library's way of saying thank you for being such great customers!

Library staff look forward to seeing you and celebrating Canadian Library Month with the community on **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 1:00 p.m.! Please note that refreshments will be available at the Orono Branch starting at 10:00 a.m.

### **Flat Ready Reader**

Celebrate Canadian Library Month in October and the launch of the library's brand new interactive website by taking part in a travel adventure with your library and Flat Ready Reader! Pick up your Flat Ready Reader at any branch, or online at the library's website.

Children can colour Flat Ready Reader, and take it with them as they travel around Clarington and further afield this fall. Snap a few pictures or write a few lines about where your child went with Flat Ready Reader, and share them with your library! Head to the children's section of the new library website at [www.clarington-library.on.ca/children](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca/children) to contribute your photos and stories. Please send in your contributions by Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

What better way to celebrate the theme of this year's Canadian Library Month, "Your Library, Your World," than to explore your library, your Clarington?

Canadian Library Month is a month-long celebration of the important role that libraries play in their local communities and across Canada. Clarington Public Library and other libraries introduce new ideas, new stories, and new ways into the world around us, opening their doors both physically during library hours, and electronically through online portals which are open all hours of the night and day. Acting as centres for life-long learning, libraries like Clarington Public Library are community and information centres, allowing people to learn, engage, discover, and connect. For more information about Canadian Library Month, please visit the Canadian Library Association website at [www.cla.ca/clm10](http://www.cla.ca/clm10).

For more information regarding the Wallace Edwards and Sylvia McNicoll author visits, Customer Appreciation Day, and Flat Ready Reader, visit one of your library's branches in Bowmanville, Courtice, Newcastle, or Orono, or on the web at [www.clarington-library.on.ca](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca).

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