

Media Advisory

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Clarington Winter WonderLearn Festival Continues to Grow!

February 9, 2012—The Clarington Winter WonderLearn is returning to Newcastle to celebrate its 9th year! On February 18th, the Saturday of the Family Day weekend, the popular family learning festival will be held over two venues in Newcastle: the Newcastle & District Recreation Complex and your Clarington Public Library, Newcastle Branch. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Children and their caregivers will be able to get active, learn something new, and spend time together as a family! Encourage children's curiosity with fun and free activities hosted by over 25 local organizations. Participate in games, and enjoy activities and drop-in workshops in literacy, arts, sports, history, science, nature, safety, and health.

"The organizing committee has been very busy and is extremely excited to host the festival again this year," says Lisa Dyche, Marketing and Communications Librarian at the Clarington Public Library and chair of the organizing committee. "We continue to build on the festival's success as a fun day for families to learn and play together, and as an opportunity to learn about the organizations that make up our community. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the festival for the participants and responding to visitor feedback is a big part of that." Improvements to this year's festival include: a shuttle bus running between the two venues, the concession stand at the Complex site open for business, more drop-in workshops, and extended hours so families may enjoy more of what the festival has to offer.

Clarington Winter WonderLearn is organized by your Clarington Public Library in partnership with the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario Power Generation, Clarington Board of Trade, Clarington Museums and Archives, and the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington. Generous funding from Ontario Power Generation contributes to the success of this annual event which celebrates Clarington and the family learning opportunities that thrive here.

Enjoy this fun family festival on Saturday, February 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Newcastle Branch of the Clarington Public Library (150 King Ave. E.) and the Newcastle & District Recreation Complex (1780 Rudell Rd.). More information and a complete line-up of activities may be found at: www.clarington-library.on.ca/wwl.

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