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The Learning Disabilities Association-Clarington Services and the Clarington Public Library Celebrate Five Years of Partnership

December 11, 2012 -- The Learning Disabilities Association – Clarington Services (LDA Clarington) and Clarington Public Library (CPL) are celebrating 5 years of partnership this year. At the core of the partnership is LDA Clarington’s Computers for Learning Development (CFLD) Program.

The CFLD Program provides one-to-one instruction for children 4-16 years of age who are experiencing difficulties in reading, writing, or math. Many of the students involved in the tutoring program are identified with a learning disability, ADHD, or other learning challenges. Tutors provide opportunities for these students to improve their literacy or numeracy skills through the use of specialized computer programs and non-computer based activities.

At the beginning of the partnership, the CFLD Program supported a handful of students at the Orono Branch of the Clarington Public Library. Now, the CFLD Program is regularly offered at all four branches. “Our tutoring program has grown tremendously since we started this partnership,” states Katherine Cameron, Resource Facilitator for LDA Clarington. “Our current program is supporting 55 students, and more than half of them attend at one of CPL’s branches. Based on the response from clients in the CFLD Program, we expect that our client base will continue to grow in these communities.”

The partnership has been beneficial for everyone involved. Tutoring at Clarington Public Library provides the CFLD Program clients with many excellent opportunities. It allows them to access a variety of resources that may be regularly integrated into lesson plans, as well as the opportunity to show students where to find material of their interest and reading level. It also enables students to utilize the many resources offered by the Library and encourages them to participate in other library programs.

“Clarington Public Library is proud to host the Learning Disabilities Association in our community space. We are always delighted to encourage lifelong learning and a love for reading. Partnerships with organizations like LDA Clarington Services help us do that,” states Gail Rickard, Library Board Chair.

We are committed to the development of a community in which persons with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD are enabled to reach their potential.





Recently, Clarington Public Library has assisted LDA Clarington by donating more than 150 gently used books. “When I met Katherine in her office last month, I noticed that there were only a few shelves of books available for children to read. When I offered to donate some of our discarded books, she was very appreciative and thankful. I’ve already made arrangements to continue donating,” said Darlene McCann, Coordinator of Circulation Services at the Bowmanville branch.

The book donation came as a welcome surprise to CFLD tutors and students. “When they came in for tutoring that afternoon and saw the full bookshelf, their faces lit up. They were very excited by the number and selection of books. Their donation has really made an impact,” states Ms. Cameron.

For more information about the CFLD Program, contact Katherine Cameron at (905) 623-1852 or ldaclar@bellnet.ca. For more information about programs at the Clarington Public Library, contact (905) 623-7322 ext. 2712.

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