

Media Advisory

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Unlock your Heritage, Unlock your Past with Doors Open Clarington and your Library!

May 20, 2011—Join in the celebration of your community's rich past, and unlock your heritage, unlock your history with Doors Open Clarington! On Saturday, June 11, sites across Clarington will take visitors behind-the-scenes from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the 2nd annual Doors Open Clarington, hosted by Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Clarington Branch and Clarington Museums & Archives.

Check in with the Clarington Public Library, and explore the historical and modern-day Orono Branch like never before! Get a behind-the-scenes look at your library as staff from the Clarington Museums & Archives in period costume guide you through the house. Tours will include the history of library services in the area, in addition to what 19th century life would have been like in the beautiful Waddell family home, built in 1882. Beware if the resident ghost makes an appearance...

"The Library is very excited to be joining its neighbours and taking part in Doors Open Clarington this year," says Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. "Doors Open Clarington allows people to really explore their community and discover something new about their favourite places, or perhaps explore some brand new gems of local history and heritage."

The Library will also be linking its Doors Open activities with the Pass the Book Community Read program. This year's Pass the Book title is *Stories from the Vinyl Cafe* by Stuart McLean. "McLean's themes of families, community, Canadiana, and local history tie in perfectly with the goals of Doors Open Clarington," adds Ms. Rickard.

Also be sure to explore other Doors Open locations in historic downtown Orono! Hunt for treasures in the Orono Armouries and home of the present Antiques Market, visit the brick heritage home of illustrator and graphic designer Rachel Riordan, and get up to date in the *Orono Weekly Times* newspaper building. For more details on locations in your community taking part in Doors Open Clarington, visit the website at www.doorsopenclarington.com.

Unlock your heritage, unlock your history with Doors Open Clarington and your Clarington Public Library on **Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!**

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