

Media Advisory

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Canadian Library Month: Libraries Connect!

September 25, 2012—This October marks Canadian Library Month, a month-long national celebration of all types of libraries and information service providers across the country. Also in October is Ontario Public Library Week (October 14th to 20th), created to recognize the valuable contributions public libraries make as cornerstones in their communities.

Clarington Public Library (CPL) is excited to help the community celebrate the experiences and opportunities provided by public libraries. There are several special events scheduled during October, including author and illustrator visits, Customer Appreciation Day, and a Worn and Torn Library Card Contest.

“We have three Canadian authors and an illustrator visiting us during Canadian Library Month,” says Melissa Pengilly, Public Service Manager. “We’re delighted to connect people to these authors, allowing them to experience not just the story, but the creator and ideas that shaped it. Books are so much more than just words or pictures on pages.”

CPL will host children’s author Frieda Wishinsky and children’s illustrator Ruth Ohi. Registration for both children visits filled quickly. In coordination with Durham Region Libraries’ Pass the Book community read program, CPL will host Alissa York, author of *Fauna*, on **Wednesday, October 10th**. CPL’s last visitor is the founding member of the bands Rheostatics and Bidiniband, Dave Bidini, who will visit on **Wednesday, October 24th**. For more information on these events please visit www.clarington-library.on.ca/clm. To register, please telephone 905-623-7322 extension 2712.

To thank their customers, CPL and the Library Board will host Customer Appreciation Day on **Saturday, October 20th** at the Bowmanville Branch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered from Library Board members and there will be a prize draw.

Finally, CPL welcomes their customers to participate in the Worn and Torn Library Card Contest. Customers are invited to demonstrate how often they enjoy their Library by showing just how well-used and loved their library card is. The contestant with the most worn and torn Library card will win a Sony eReader! The contest opens **Monday, October 1st**, and submissions are due by **Tuesday, October 23rd**. Customers can enter the competition in person at their local branch, or by emailing a digital photo of their card to info@clarington-library.on.ca.

For more information about on how CPL is celebrating Canadian Library Month, please visit www.clarington-library.on.ca/clm.

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