

Media Advisory

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International Reading Action Program makes a difference in Orono!

May 30, 2013—Over the past six months, Clarington Public Library (CPL) has revitalized its children’s areas in all of their branches. Improvements have included new carpets, a Storytime Treehouse, and Early Literacy touch screen computer stations. All of these efforts have been designed to create an environment that fosters creative play and literacy development. With the support of the Kendal Lions Club, the children’s area in the Orono Branch has received new educational toys; including building blocks, an alphabet maze, and a counting maze.

“This year, Lions Clubs worldwide were challenged to participate in a ‘Reading Action Program’ (RAP) that focused on the importance of increasing literacy and access to learning resources within the Lions communities”, said President Lion Ron Robinson. “The Kendal Lions are pleased to support the Library in Orono with a \$500.00 donation to stock additional teaching materials for the Children’s Room. This is a great example of how monies raised at our breakfast and dinner fundraisers are returned directly to our community and, in this case, to the educational benefit of our local children.”

CPL’s refreshed children’s areas have been very popular this spring, and the Library expects the new toys will be welcomed by the Orono community. “We are so pleased the Kendal Lions chose the Library for the Reading Action program,” states Library Board Chair, Gail Rickard. “The families of Orono are sure to enjoy and benefit from the additional resources in our children’s area.”

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Judy Hagerman (Vice-Chair, Clarington Public Library Board), Ron Robinson (President, Kendal Lions), Karen Christopher (past President, Kendal Lions), and Janet Vanderveen (Branch Coordinator, Clarington Public Library) with two children from the Ontario Early Years program enjoying the educational toys generously donated by the Kendal Lions to the Orono Branch of the Clarington Public Library as part of the Lions Club 'Reading Action Program' (RAP).