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## Clarington Public Library recognized with Angus Mowat Award of Excellence

February 6, 2018—Clarington Public Library is proud and excited to announce that it has received a provincial Ontario Public Library Service Award, the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, for the Winter WonderLearn Festival.

Managed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Public Library Service Awards identify and promote creative public library service ideas. The Angus Mowat Award of Excellence recognizes a commitment to excellence in the delivery of public library service.

Clarington Public Library received the award for its well-known annual Winter WonderLearn Festival, which has showcased community partners and focused on free educational and interactive family activities for the past fifteen years.

“The Library Board and all of our staff are so incredibly proud,” states Judy Hagerman, Vice Chair of the Clarington Public Library Board. Ms. Hagerman received the award on behalf of the Library on Thursday, February 1 at the provincial awards ceremony held at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in Toronto. “It’s both exciting and humbling to be recognized by the Ministry and our fellow public libraries with such a prestigious award.”

The Festival would not be possible without the generous support of its key sponsor, Ontario Power Generation (OPG). OPG has been involved with the event since the first Festival in 2004, and became a key sponsor in in 2006. “Winter WonderLearn is a true partnership event,” continues Ms. Hagerman. “The organizations who participate and offer activities play a vital role, and the Festival is the beloved event it is today thanks to OPG’s assistance over the years and its support of community initiatives such as Winter WonderLearn.”

This year’s Festival, which celebrates the theme of “Music and Sound”, is right around the corner for those who want to experience it for themselves. Children and their families can shake off the winter blahs, enjoy interactive demonstrations and activities offered by local organizations, and catch a show with special guest, Juno-nominated Music by Jake. The Municipality of Clarington is also offering a free swim at the Courtice Community Complex from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The **Winter WonderLearn Festival** is being held on **Family Day Monday, February 19**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the **Courtice Branch of the Clarington Public Library** (inside the Courtice Community Complex, **2950 Courtice Rd.**) More information may be found on the Library’s website at [www.clarington-library.on.ca/wwwl](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca/wwwl).



*Clarington Public Library Board Vice Chair Judy Hagerman (right) receiving the Public Library Service Award, Angus Mowat Award of Excellence from the Honourable Daiene Vernile, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (left) on behalf of the Clarington Public Library at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference, Public Library Awards Gala Reception on February 1, 2018 in Toronto (photo courtesy of the Ontario Library Association).*

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