

## *Media Advisory*

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# Grab & Go at Clarington Public Library!

August 7, 2020— Clarington Public Library has been working diligently on plans and safety protocols in response to Public Health guidelines in order to enter Stage 3 and welcome the community back into the Library with Grab & Go service to access library materials and increased computer access.

Courtice, Newcastle, and Orono Branches will open their doors to the public for limited browsing with expanded hours, self-serve hold pick-up, and computer access as of Monday, August 10. Bowmanville Branch remains closed as accessibility renovations are still underway.

Grab & Go service allows members to come into the branch to pick-up their holds and browse select displays in limited capacity “lobbies” of the Library; full access to bookshelves will not be available at this time. However, staff will be available to assist in selecting items, retrieving them from the shelves, or placing holds for future pick-up. Library members will be able bring items to staff to be checked out or use a self-serve kiosk.

Computer access continues as the Library introduces Grab & Go service, increasing available time to one-hour per session. Members can now walk in, use a computer, and print or scan documents; computers will be available on first come, first served basis. All stations remain physically distanced and will be cleaned between users. High-traffic and high-contact areas will also be disinfected regularly and as needed during open hours to ensure the safety of community members and Library staff.

As with all other public buildings and in accordance with the instructions issued by Durham Region’s Medical Officer of Health, members are required to wear a non-medical face mask or face covering when visiting the Library, unless they have an exemption as outlined in the instructions.

“We thank our residents for their patience and support as we adapt the Library’s services and physical locations to ensure they can be accessed safely,” says Linda Kent, CEO of Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives. “We hope the new service model allows people to enjoy our materials and find new favourites by browsing the high interest displays.”

For more information about any of the Library’s services, and to see expanded hours, please visit the Library’s website at [www.clarington-library.on.ca](http://www.clarington-library.on.ca), contact us via email ([info@clarington-library.on.ca](mailto:info@clarington-library.on.ca)), or phone (905-623-7322 ext. 2712).

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