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### **Award-Winning Author to Visit Clarington Public Library**

On Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m., award winning author, Teresa Toten, will visit the Bowmanville Branch of the Clarington Public Library. Toten will be reading from some of her books, as well as leading a discussion on creative writing techniques.

Toten has written books for various age groups, including her 2005 picture book, *Bright Red Kisses*, for young children. Her creative and thought-provoking books for teens explore issues like belonging, friendship, popularity and secrets. Her novel, *The Game*, a haunting teen fiction, was nominated-Governor General's Literary Award in 2001 and won Alberta Book Publisher's Association's 2002 Children's Book of the Year. *The Onlyhouse*, suitable for ages 7-9 was nominated for several awards and won the Canadian Library Association Honor Book in 1996.

Toten was born in Croatia (formerly Yugoslavia), in 1955, and left for Canada on the same day she was born. Her Canadian father died just a few months after she and her mother arrived in Canada, which resulted in the two of them moving every few years. Toten uses these experiences in her writing.

The visit is recommended for students in Grades 7 and up. Teachers are encouraged to sign up their classes for this wonderful educational opportunity. To register for this event, please call Children's Services, Bowmanville Branch at 905-623-7322 x 725.

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