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Orono Library Accessibility Project Open House on April 6

March 26, 2024—Clarington Library, Museums & Archives invites members of the Clarington community to the Orono Library Open House on Saturday, April 6 to celebrate the completion of the Orono Accessibility Project.

Work on the Orono Library Accessibility Project began in September 2023 to enhance public accessibility with the installation of a fully accessible entrance and universal washroom. The upgrades were accomplished by renovating the library's current nonfiction room at the back of the house, which used to be the summer kitchen. In addition to the accessibility enhancements, the shelving, flooring, furnishings, and décor were refreshed to modernize the space and honor the unique and beautiful heritage of the building.

"We're very excited to be showcasing the work that was done on this wonderful historic building," states Monika Machacek, CEO, Clarington Library, Museums & Archives. "Orono is a thriving community, an important part of CLMA and the fabric of the Clarington community as a whole. The branch not only serves Orono, but the people of Enniskillen, Kendal, Solina, and more. We would also like to extend a warm thank you to the Clarington Heritage Committee for their ongoing participation in the renovation. The Library Board and administration are thrilled with the project's results and helping to ensure that people of every ability can access and enjoy our services and resources."

The Orono Accessibility Project demonstrates CLMA's commitment to create vibrant and rich spaces where all community members can connect, learn, and thrive. In addition to Municipal funding, the project was made possible in part due to community donations. People can help make an impact in their community by donating at <u>www.cplma.ca/donations</u>.

Everyone is invited to experience the renovated Orono Library at the open house celebration on Saturday, April 6 at 11am. Tours and refreshments will be available, and members of the CLMA board and administration will be on hand to answer questions.

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