

## Media Advisory

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# Bowmanville Branch joins Grab & Go Service Points

September 30, 2020— Clarington Public Library is excited to re-open the Bowmanville Branch on October 5<sup>th</sup> after the completion of extensive accessibility renovations, and to add another location to their Grab & Go service.

Courtice, Newcastle, and Orono Branches have been offering the in-branch service since August 10<sup>th</sup>. Bowmanville Branch is the final Library location to re-open and will do so showcasing a new accessible entrance, an accessible universal washroom, adjustable height service counters, improved lighting, and non-slip floor surfaces.

“We have been able to improve some of Bowmanville Branch’s best features, while creating a more accessible space for our members to enjoy,” says Linda Kent, CEO of Clarington Public Library, Museums, & Archives. “We know our community is eager to see the improvements at the Bowmanville location and we are happy to be welcoming them back.”

Grab & Go service allows members to come into any branch to pick-up their holds and browse select displays in limited capacity “lobbies” or use a computer for one-hour timeslots. Staff are available to assist in selecting and retrieving items or placing holds for future pick-up. Library members can bring items to staff to be checked out or use a self-serve kiosk.

Safety remains the highest priority for Library members and staff. High-traffic and high-contact areas are disinfected regularly and as needed during open hours. 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.

If you are unable to visit any of the Library locations, you may be eligible for the new Borrow by Mail service, designed to connect vulnerable community members with Library materials through a new home delivery service. The Borrow by Mail service is supported by the Government of Canada’s Emergency Community Support Fund and Durham Community Foundation.

For more information about any of the Library’s services including Borrow by Mail, and to see Grab & Go Service hours for all locations, 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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