

Media Advisory

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Clarington Public Library Members Celebrate the Holidays with their Community

December 4, 2014—Clarington Public Library is celebrating the holiday spirit of giving back this December with old and new initiatives.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Library is partnering with local food banks to offer Food for Fines. The initiative allows members to reduce the amount owed on their accounts by donating food at any Library branch. For every non-perishable food item donated, the Library will credit \$1 of the amount owed in fines (up to a maximum of \$5). All food collected will be distributed across Clarington by the Salvation Army, the Clarington East Food Bank, and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

The Library has also developed a new partnership with Lakeridge Health Bowmanville. An over-sized holiday card is available at Library branches and holiday programs until December 18th. Members of the community are encouraged to sign, write messages, or even draw on the card, which will be shared with the patients and their families that need to remain in the hospital over the holidays.

“The holiday season is about celebrating with those close to you and giving back,” states Gail Rickard, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. “These initiatives help our members reach out to others in their community, either with a food donation or a kind message.”

To make a donation to the Food for Fines program, please visit one of your Library’s branches in Bowmanville, Courtice, Newcastle, or Orono. For more information on where to sign the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville card, visit any branch or call Information Services at 905-623-7322 x2712.

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