

# in Durham library™

libraries, and administration focused on key issues related to literacy in Ontario.

M. Carrier read from his classic book, *The Hockey Sweater*, to students from our two Books and Breakfast schools (see last item), and then participants proceeded to a carousel of literacy programs currently running throughout Durham. These 20-minute sessions gave us a picture of the literacy landscape across the eastern GTA, and enabled us to decide which programs we can take back to our own communities.

## Authors @ your library™

Whitby Launch  
Sunday, February 17  
Trafalgar Castle  
2:00 - 4:00

Families and citizens of Durham were invited to attend the Whitby @your library™ launch, where we celebrated renowned authors and their books. Participants were invited to attend three 20-minute workshops by each of the following authors:

- Sylvia McNicoll, author of *Bringing up Beauty*
- Kim Fernandes, illustrator of the *Little Mouse* series
- Eugene Fernandes, author and illustrator of *Waves in the Bathtub*
- Werner Zimmerman, author and illustrator of the *Farmer Joe* series

These national best-sellers shared their stories and passion for reading with us in the historical setting of the beautiful Trafalgar Castle. Guests also had an opportunity to purchase some of the authors' books from The Source, who set up a book display on site.

All proceeds will be used to fund the authors for this event and promote literacy in



During Literacy Day events, Roch Carrier visited students at VandenBos School, named after felled Snowbird pilot Michael VandenBos

Durham.

## Circles of Love: Books & Breakfast Program @ your library™

Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:00  
R.A. Sennett Public School  
Queen Elizabeth Public School

The project aim was to provide breakfast and a reading program for parents and children in various locations throughout Durham. The two schools chosen to pilot the project were R.A. Sennett School in Whitby and Queen Elizabeth Public school in Oshawa.

Both sites boast exemplary teacher-librarians who were keen to spearhead this project and run it in their schools two Saturdays each month from February to June. As well, the principals, staff and local community indicated their strong support for the project and were eager to help as well.

We hoped to provide parents and children with an opportunity to have breakfast together, connect with other members of their community and participate in a literacy program. We know it is important to educate parents about their role in their children's reading progression, and we would like to help parents improve their own literacy skills. The Durham Literacy Network will be providing help with the parents and teachers and volunteers will work with the children.

**T**hese projects are just the beginning of what we hope will be on-going projects and events to promote, enhance and

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## @ your library™

We would like to report on the @ your library™ initiatives in your locale. Please e-mail me and let me know what you are doing, so we can all read about it in the next issue!

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