

## Career Fair A First For Whitchurch-Stouffville

By Kate Gilderdale  
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On June 11, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA, is hosting its first ever Professional and Technical Career Fair at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment-Nineteen on the Park.

"The event provides us an opportunity to meet with, and support, some of the technical and professional employers in town," said Karen Cashin, employment program team lead at Stouffville YMCA.

"It also lets those individuals looking for employment, or looking to change their employment, know we are here to help

them. It gives an opportunity for people to see what jobs are available in Stouffville besides the obvious fast food, retail and seasonal." Ms Cashin said the fair "is for trained professionals looking for a career, not just a job, and finding one close to home is a big bonus."

And while many residents work in Toronto or other out of town locations, "They may not realize that companies like Strategic Information Technology, K-Line Group, McGregor-Allsop and Teva Novopharm, as well as the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, are here and are looking for well qualified and progressive employees."

After five years in the community, "we still see people surprised to find out about us. We give people

the tools they need to do a thorough job search," she said. "We have the resources and the connections with not only the business community, but we also enjoy a solid working relationship with all other agencies in York Region and are able to refer to all government-funded employment programs."

The YMCA assists employees across all segments of the population, from general labourers to computer programmers and project managers. "The majority of our clients are over 40, and 55 percent have post-secondary education. Most are experienced in at least one field and have a number of transferable skills," said Ms Cashin.

"For those who travel down the 404 to work

wishing they didn't have to fight that traffic, come connect with us at the Professional and Technical Career Fair." The event takes place from 2 to 8 p.m. June 11, and free parking is available off Market St., right beside the building.

For more information visit [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com) or contact the town office at 905-640-1910 ext. 301.

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## Library To Host TD Summer Reading Club

By Anne Houle

For years, studies have shown that school age children lose many of their reading skills over the summer months if they do not continue to read while they are out of school.

Summer reading clubs first started when library staff realized that they could make a difference. When further studies demonstrated that children who do not learn to read fluently in fourth grade will likely never feel totally comfortable with the printed word, the library's job was clear. Keep those children reading and make sure they have fun doing so!

The TD Summer Reading Club inspires children to spend more time reading books. It also encourages parents and caregivers to become more involved in their children's reading activities. During the summer of 2008, half a million Canadian children participated in over 27,000 library activities in 2,000 libraries, reading almost two million books.

So this summer, grab your deerstalker and your magnifying glass and, using

your keen sense of observation and highly tuned powers of deduction, join the investigation to help the TD Summer Reading Club's Agent 009 put together a chain of clues to unravel a puzzling mystery. The club offers children and their families a fun way to enjoy reading and raise literacy levels.

The program begins June 29 and ends on Super Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 30 Burkholder Street. For more information see the Summer Reading flyer at the Library. Mature volunteers aged 12 and up are needed to help run the program. Adults and seniors are most welcome.

Volunteer hours may be used for community service hours, so if you have some spare time and wish to volunteer, please fill out a form at the Library.

Anne Houle is co-ordinator of children and youth services at Whitchurch-Stouffville Library



## Triumphant Finale For Nineteen On The Park

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Opening celebrations for the Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment-Nineteen on the Park ended in spectacular fashion May 23 with a superb performance by Stouffville's dance collective, Motus O.

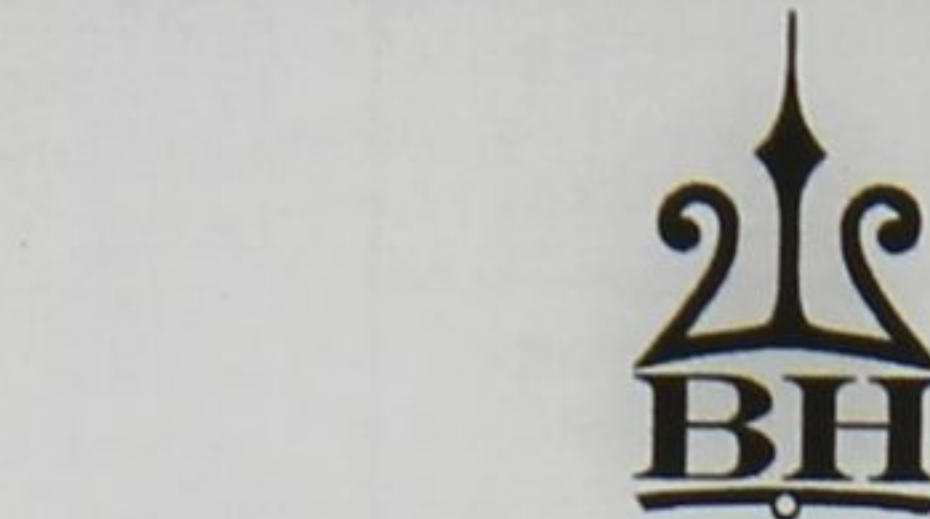
Their two-part program began with *Variations in Love*, a series of vignettes which explored the eternal human preoccupation with love in all its absurd, sometimes painful, manifestations. Combining wicked wit with breathtaking athleticism, the dancers quickly had the audience in the palm of their hands.

*Carmina Burana* was a choreographic tour de force which matched the power and beauty of the music with flawless performances from the dancers. A playful, yet thought-provoking meditation on life, and the choices, temptations and complexities it presents, *Carmina Burana* demonstrated the virtuosity and sheer brilliance of this unique dance collective.

The performance was the perfect culmination of an unforgettable two weeks of events designed to showcase our beautiful new arts and cultural centre. The community owes a huge debt to the generous sponsors, volunteers and businesses who brought this dream to life, and to the Town for getting behind the efforts to restore and revitalize a downtown jewel.

Cultural facility and programming coordinator Steven Foster, who joined the Town last December, did a masterful job of bringing it all together. The opening may be over, but the fun is just beginning.

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