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## Library To Host Digital Bookmobile

From New York (see photo) to Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, the Digital Bookmobile offers a hands-on opportunity to explore the library's digital collections. The Bookmobile will be parked outside the library on June 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide free information on downloading digital media.

On June 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Digital Bookmobile National Tour will visit Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library to showcase the library's free eBook download service.

The Digital Bookmobile is housed inside an 74 foot tractor trailer equipped with broadband internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players. Interactive learning stations will allow visitors to search the library's digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and sample e-Books, audio books, music and video.

"This will be a unique opportunity for residents to have hands-on experience with the library's digital collections. For more details visit www.digitalbookmobile.com. Very few Canadian libraries will be fortunate enough to be

part of the Digital Bookmobile's National Tour," said library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer James.

Card holders can visit downloadcentre.library.on.ca any time, anywhere to check out and download digital titles to read on their computer or transfer to a supported mobile device. Many audio titles can also be burned to audio CD. At the end of the lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

The Digital Bookmobile is a service of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and is operated by OverDrive, Inc.

## **Banishing Boredom**

By Carolyn Nordheimer lames

The last day of school ... the day every child waits for all year long. And while parents look forward to an easier schedule and no lunches to pack, there is also a sense of apprehension as the novelty of freedom wears off.

After a few days, most kids have tired of their toys, each other and their parents'

summertime 'un-tun' suggestions, and are repeating their dreaded mantra: "I'm bored."

So what to do? How about escaping to the library - a wonderful resource for summertime fun as well as learning. Children can join the summer reading club with prizes earned for the number of books read, and the side benefit of maintaining reading skills while not in school. This summer's theme is 'Imagine!' and the library will also offer special movie programs for kids of all ages on Monday afternoons. Highlights this year include Hugo, The Adventures of Tintin and The Hunger Games.

the library web site. The animated, talking picture books teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. They are created by taking existing picture books and adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.

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Teens who like to read can join the library's teen online book club this summer. Share your thoughts about what you have read with fellow readers and find out

what others are reading and talking about.

And adults who find that they have some time to relax and enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer can browse the library's collection of e-resources. Download a favourite e-book or check out the library's selection of databases for new ideas. Try out the Culinary Arts Collection for new recipes or the Home Improvement Collection for interior design ideas.

Looking for something different to read? NoveList Plus can point you in the right direction. Feeling overwhelmed with the myriad of electronic resources and options available at the library? Join For rainy days or when library website. Patrons can us for a demonstration on Tuesday, July 17 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. when staff will provide an overview of all the library's electronic products.

> Please VISIT Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library often over the summer. The word "bored" is not in our vocabulary!

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