

## Eureka! It's over!

By Anne Houle

Another TD Summer Reading Club come and gone and it was one we'll never forget. A few thanks are in order as I don't think we say it enough.

The financial support we receive every year from the WSPL book sale committee allows us to provide a reading program that parents say is unique, with our multitude of fabulous "bribes" to encourage children to read. The Stouffville Lions Club and their boxes of toys have helped fill the demand for more prizes as our program has grown every year as our town has grown. The Leisure Centre with their supply of tickets for a free activity such as swimming or skating, and McDonald's with their coupons for free fries all make our reading program special. Thank you.

This year, our partnership with the Legacy Project and Susan Bosak's book Dream was a special connection

that will continue for a year, as the people in our town read the book and dream of a creating a better community and changing the world for the better.

TD Bank has been the force behind the TD Summer Reading Program across Canada, supporting and encouraging young people to read. We thank them for their continued belief in the power of books.

A big thank you to our staff who have processed an enormous amount of children's books this summer. I promise it won't be like this again... until next summer!

To all our teen volunteers who thought they were volunteering just to get community service hours, but who have realized the importance of the job, thank you. And to the children who joined the TD Summer Reading Club and their parents; we hope you had fun and through your summer reading that you are prepared for a

fantastic year at school. Hope to see you again next year.

I would like to give my personal thanks to Stephanie Pescador, who has been at the helm of the ship for the past three summers. One of the most creative and mature student co-ordinators I have ever hired, Stephanie, who is in her last year of teacher's college, will make an amazing teacher. She has impressed many families with her warmth and friendliness and has had a positive impact on so many. She has also learned a great deal, which is what hiring a student is about. We wish her the best in her future teaching positions. Perhaps you'll see her in a Stouffville school.

Many thanks to all.  
Anne Houle is co-ordinator of Children and Youth Services at Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

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