



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough, ON --

The Peterborough Public Library has been short-listed for an Ontario Public Library Service Award. These awards identify and promote creative public library service ideas. Peterborough is in the running with two other Ontario libraries for the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, which recognizes a commitment to excellence in the delivery of public library service.

The program for which Peterborough has been nominated is *ESL (English as a Second Language) Parent-Child Mother Goose*. In this program the library works in partnership with Peterborough Parent-Child Mother Goose and the Peterborough New Canadians Centre to provide a welcoming and fun program that supports language learning, helps to connect new Canadians to the community and strengthens parent-child bonding.

Peterborough Public Library has identified the need for programming to assist immigrants to integrate into the community. The Public Library is a recognized and trusted organization that is often a gateway for immigrants because it offers many services of particular value to people settling in a new country. The *ESL Parent-Child Mother Goose* program provides opportunities for ESL families to make friendships and connections within the community. It also provides opportunities for established Canadian families to connect with new Canadian families and to learn and celebrate different cultures and experiences.

The other two libraries that have been nominated for the award are Caledon Public Library for its *Salute to Seniors Celebration* and King Township Public Library for *Walter Rolling Online*, a digital celebration of an early black educator.

The winner of the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence will be announced at the Ontario Library Association's annual Super Conference, at the end of February 2010.

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