

## **“I Can Tell a Story Too!”: Library Hour for Kids who use AAC**

A partnership between the Maple Library and Children's Treatment Network (CTN) of Simcoe York's Augmentative and Alternative Communication Service

### **Goals of the program:**

**For Participants:** To provide children using an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system with the opportunity to:

- Interact and have fun with peers in a group setting
- See other peers using AAC systems and to learn from each other
- Practice communication skills using their AAC systems (displays or devices)
- Learn some emergent literacy skills
- Become more familiar with their AAC system to communicate during activities

**For Parents/Caregivers** - To provide parents/caregivers the opportunity to:

- Learn AAC partner strategies to support communication, language, & literacy development
- Generalize strategies for home and community use
- Network with other parents of children using AAC systems for ideas and support

### **Who:**

- Children between ages 4 and 12 who use any kind of AAC system. Child needs to be interested in sitting and listening to simple stories for at least 15 minutes, plus needs to have interest in participating in songs, crafts and related activities.
- Parents and caregivers. ***Note: at least one parent/caregiver is required to attend all group sessions***
- ***Siblings are welcome, although they need to remain in the same room and be supervised by their parent or caregiver. We do not have babysitters. The children cannot be left unattended in the library. Siblings are welcome to participate in all activities, as long as they are not disruptive.***

### **Where:**

- Maple Library, 10190 Keele St, Maple ON L6A 1G3 (at McNaughton & Keele St - Program Room)

### **When:**

- 8 Mondays 4:15-5:15 pm (April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, 8, 2015) **No session May 18**

### **Registration:**

Register in person or by phone at the Maple Library Information Desk (905)-653-READ (Ext.7323)

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