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RIDE TO READ IS BACK AGAIN

Welland, ON – For the fourth consecutive year, Welland Transit and the Welland Public Library are partnering to provide children with the opportunity to participate in the Ride to Read program. The program was initiated in 2012 to support a healthy community, foster community partnership, and provide fully accessible transportation to and from the Welland Library for children ages 4-13. Free and easy transportation encourages children to continue reading during the summer months and gets them moving on public transportation.

Transit Manager, Alfred Stockwell, says the program is educational not only because it promotes reading, it also allows children to experience the transit system and learn how it works. "Having the children active on public transit and at the Library teaches them independence," said Stockwell. "The program is an excellent resource to learning," he added.

Welland Public Library staff are excited to see the program resume in 2015. Daniella Liebrechts-Hamilton, coordinator of children and youth services, looks forward to children gathering at the Library during the summer months. "It's so important to encourage children to continue to read throughout the summer months, not only to maintain their skills but to open their minds to new ideas."

The program commences June 26, 2015, and ends September 6, 2015. It is available to children from 4-13 who have a Welland Public Library card, or for those who register for a card. Passport stickers can be obtained at the Welland Public Library. Students who register for the Ride to Read program are eligible to win one of two \$50.00 gift certificates for the Seaway Mall, courtesy of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1366.

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