

## Literacy in Long-Term Care Project: Application to Participate

### About the project

Family Councils Ontario is thrilled to announce that in partnership with Kobo and ETAG, we are working to create a digital reading program for select Long-Term Care Homes in the Greater Toronto Area! This project will involve five Family Councils who will create digital libraries using eReaders and e-books at their Long-Term Care Home.

With Family Council members acting as librarians to manage the digital libraries, this project will allow residents, family members, volunteers and visitors to check out an eReader and read on their own (a resident), or be read to or with (by a family member, volunteer, visitor). The availability of eReaders will increase the number of LTC residents and families reading in Long-Term Care, thereby increasing the many health and wellness benefits associated with reading. Let's celebrate reading together!

Along with eReaders and gift cards generously donated by Kobo and workshops on Using Kobo eReaders to Facilitate Reading Programs delivered by ETAG, FCO will be supporting participating Councils throughout the project. We'll be providing Family Councils with support to establish and manage the libraries, resources and materials to support the project, and ongoing encouragement to promote literacy in Long-Term Care.

We sincerely thank Kobo for their enthusiastic support and generous donation for this project! Visit Kobo online at <http://www.kobobooks.com/>

For more information on the project technology training partner, visit ETAG online at <http://etagonline.ca/>

#### Selected Family Councils will receive:

- Up to 20 Kobo Aura H2O eReaders (you'll get to keep these at the end of the project!)
- Kobo gift cards for purchasing e-books
- Training on how to use the eReaders, including custom printed notes for participants to follow and employ beyond the training (developed and presented by project partner, ETAG)
- Promotional materials to advertise the digital library project
- Suggested reading list handouts
- Orientation and ongoing support from Family Councils Ontario
- A great opportunity to promote literacy in your Long-Term Care Home!

#### Expected Benefits:

- Residents who participate in project will experience the joy of reading and feel greater quality of life
- Family Councils who participate will make a concrete, positive contribution to the Home
- Family members/visitors will be able to read with/to a resident

- **You'll get to keep all eReaders and other materials to use after the project conclusion!**

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### Contact Details

\* 1. Name of Long-Term Care Home:

\* 2. Long-Term Care Home Address:

\* 3. Your name:

\* 4. Your Phone number:

\* 5. At what email address would you like to be contacted?

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### Participation Criteria

\* 6. Is your Long-Term Care Home located in one of the following geographical areas:  
Halton/Peel/Hamilton/West Toronto (Etobicoke)?

Yes

No

\* 7. Do you have the support of the LTC Home to carry out the project (we will follow-up with the Home administrator)?

Yes

No

Name, phone number and email address of Home administrator:

\* 8. Do you have a secure location in the Home to store eReaders and accompanying materials (e.g. a secure cabinet, permission to use the tuck shop)?

Yes

No

Where do you plan to store the e-readers and accompanying materials?

\* 9. Is there Wi-fi internet access available in the LTC Home (for downloading books to the eReader)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)/comments:

\* 10. Has your Council agreed to take on this project?

Yes

No

Comments

\* 11. Do you have 4+ Family Council members willing to commit to managing the digital library for the duration of the project (through summer 2017)?

Yes

No

Comments

\* 12. Does your Council commit to completing the following project tasks:

|                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes                   | No                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Attending a 2-hour orientation session at the Home (January-February 2017)                                                                                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Attending a 3-hour technology use workshop at the Home (January-February 2017)                                                                                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Administering surveys to each borrower at first eReader check-out (pre-involvement survey) and at end of project to participants and sending completed surveys to FCO | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Checking in & out eReaders to borrowers and helping borrowers load/search for books to read, including following-up with readers who have overdue loans               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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| Completing Family Council member pre- and post-project surveys & interviews                                                                                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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### Tell Us Why You Want to Participate!

13. Please tell us about your Council:

14. Why does your Council want to participate in this project?

15. How do you think your Home's residents would benefit from a digital library in their Home?

16. How do you think your Council will benefit from being involved in this project?

17. What reading/literacy projects/programs does your Home currently have?

18. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your Council or Home?