

## NEWS RELEASE

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### All Invited to Local Information Sessions on How to Get a Degree, Diploma or Certificate or Upgrade Your Skills Online

(ORILLIA, ON) - Orillia residents now have direct access to information and local support services they need to earn a degree, diploma or certificate, or upgrade their skills without leaving their community

“During information session at the Orillia Public Library. Contact North | Contact Nord staff will give interested residents an overview of the wide range of the more than 1000 online programs and 18 000 online programs they can take from Ontario’s 24 public colleges, 22 public universities, 250 literacy and basic skills and training providers, explains Robin Brushey, online learning recruitment officer for the Muskoka North Simcoe Contact North | Contact Nord online learning centre”

“We will also describe to those attending these information sessions the services we provide to help them succeed in their studies including information on available programs and courses, use of web conferencing, videoconferencing and audioconferencing distance learning platforms to connect to, and participate in, their online programs and courses offered and taught by the training providers, use of computer workstations and high-speed Internet access to complete their fully online courses and supervision of written exams and tests” adds Robin.

“The Orillia Public Library values opportunities and access to lifelong learning. Contact North’s mission to help learners connect with online learning opportunities is very much aligned with our own goals here at the Library. The Library also offers free computer and wireless access year round as well as books and online resources that can help students succeed,” said Kelly, Director of Information Services for Orillia Public Library.

Since 1986 Contact North | Contact Nord recruits and provides local support to underserved Ontario residents taking online programs and courses from Ontario’s 24 public colleges, 22 public universities, 9 Aboriginal institutes, 76 district school boards, and 250 literacy and basic skills and training providers, generating 65,000 registrations annually. It operates a network of 112 online learning centres throughout Ontario.

Contact North | Contact Nord invites residents to attend an information session to learn about our services and online learning on February 8, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Orillia Public Library (36 Mississauga Street West in Orillia).

## Contact North | Contact Nord

Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network  
Le réseau d'éducation et de formation à distance de l'Ontario

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If you cannot make the session, you can visit Contact North's | Contact Nord online learning centre for Muskoka North Simcoe, at 345 Ecclestone Drive in Bracebridge.

For more information please call Robin Brushey, Online Learning Recruitment Officer, at 1-855-699-6330, or e-mail [muskokanorthsimcoe@contactnorth.ca](mailto:muskokanorthsimcoe@contactnorth.ca).

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