

The Essa Centennial Library has started a service for homebound residents of Essa Township who are no longer able to get out to our Angus or Thornton Branches to borrow library materials: books in regular and large print, books on tape and CD, videos and DVDs.

We already have signed-up some volunteers who would like to participate in the homebound service. Their role will be to work with the staff to select titles based on the interests and needs of the borrower. They will then visit the person on a regular schedule to pick-up and return their selections. All our volunteers must first pass a police check by the Nottawasaga Detachment of the OPP.

We now need to identify those people in the community who would benefit from this service. One of our library users had the excellent suggestion that we could ask local faith groups to help by distributing the enclosed invitation to those members of their congregations who are homebound. We are also asking the assistance of seniors groups and service organizations.

The enclosed letter can be handed out to homebound residents or their family members to inform them about the homebound services and how they can contact the Library to enrol. Please give a copy of this invitation to anyone you know who would benefit from this program.

A copy of the Homebound Registration Form is available in our "What's New" section of our website (follow the link to print out).

