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Local students visit *Terry Fox – Running to the Heart of Canada* exhibition showcased at Dufferin Clark Library, Wednesday, October 3 at 1:45 p.m.

WHAT:

Over 40 Grade 5, 6 and 7 students from Charlton Public School will be visiting Dufferin Clark Library to see the travelling exhibition, ***Terry Fox – Running to the Heart of Canada***.

Developed by the Canadian Museum of History in partnership with Terry Fox's family, the exhibit provides a look at Terry's epic 143-day, 3,339-mile (5,373-kilometre) journey from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Thunder Bay, Ontario. It also explores Canadians' deep and abiding affection for Terry and examines his unique place in our collective memory.

The story of the Marathon of Hope is told through maps and a wealth of contemporary photographs and newspaper imagery.

Self-guided tours and group bookings are available until October 15 for the public by contacting the Service Desk at 905.653.READ (7323).

WHEN:**Wednesday, October 3, 1:45 p.m.****WHERE:****Dufferin Clark Library**
1441 Clark Avenue West**ATTACHMENTS:****Self-guided Tours and Group Bookings / Terry Fox / Canadian Museum of History****Self-guided Tours and Group Bookings**

Self-guided tours and group bookings are possible during [Dufferin Clark Library's hours of operation](#).

Terry Fox

Terrance Stanley Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on July 28, 1958 and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. In March 1977, when Terry was 18, doctors

discovered a malignant tumour in his right knee. It was osteogenic sarcoma, a bone cancer found primarily in teenagers.

His epic journey, the Marathon of Hope, began with little fanfare on April 12, 1980, when Terry Fox dipped his prosthetic leg into the Atlantic Ocean at St. John's and began his grueling marathon-a-day cross-country run to raise money for cancer research. His determination, courage and integrity soon drew the attention — and won the hearts — of Canadians from coast to coast to coast. His journey ended near Thunder Bay, when the cancer that had claimed his leg returned, forcing Terry to abandon the project. He died a national hero in June 1981, aged 22, having collected some \$24 million — achieving his goal of raising \$1 from every Canadian. To date, more than \$700 million has been raised in his name for cancer research.

Canadian Museum of History

Located on the shores of the Ottawa River in Gatineau, Quebec, the Canadian Museum of History is Canada's largest and most popular cultural institution, attracting over 1.2 million visitors each year. The Museum's principal role is to enhance Canadians' knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the events, experiences, people and objects that have shaped Canada's history and identity, as well as to enhance Canadians' awareness of world history and culture. For more information, please visit www.historymuseum.ca/

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