



## Stamford Collegiate Partners with the Niagara Falls Public Library

As part of our 2016 Literacy Plan, Stamford, in partnership with the Niagara Falls Public Library, has made a commitment to provide every grade 9 student with a Library Card and access to ebooks. Our plan involves:

- Sending these completed forms to the library so that cards can be created and then issued to students at Stamford
- Inviting library officials into Stamford so that they can provide workshops to all grade 9 students about how to download free electronic books (ebooks)
- Encouraging students to use ebooks in classes and/or during “Stop-Drop-and-Read” Fridays

To learn how to run a marathon – a person has to practice running every day. The same logic applies to becoming a better reader. We’ve adopted the belief that we can improve students reading by increasing the opportunities to read. A library card, and the downloading of the free [overdrive.com](http://overdrive.com) app on any electronic device, will provide students with thousands of free ebooks that automatically return to the library when due. There would be no more worries about losing a book or getting charged with late fees.

Ebooks is the way to go and we want to make it easy to get students registered. To make it even easier, the Niagara Falls Public Library has committed to wiping the slate clean. If a Stamford student has any charges on a current library card, the library will wipe away those charges and give the student a fresh start. All you need to do is fill in the following information. ***Please note that the parent signature below indicates permission for the school to share the student’s mailing address and home phone number with the Niagara Falls Public Library. The student signature indicates that the student accepts responsibility for the use and return of any borrowed [hard copy] library materials.***

Name of grade 9 student (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*"There is something about that moment, when literature becomes accessible, and a door of the world opens."—Lois Lowry*