

# WHAT'S ON

## The Creative Hub for Innovative Minds



# Welcome



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Welcome to the March – April issue of What's On and a very exciting time for library users in the City of Vaughan! At the very end of January, Woodbridge Library temporarily closed its doors for renovations. We're renovating the library to increase accessibility, improve the use of space, add more natural light and an additional 1,000 square feet of space, and make the library more visible and appealing from the street. The current construction timeline is pointing to a reopening date before the end of the year, but we'll keep you updated as work progresses.

When one door closes, others are always open, and we're happy to greet our Woodbridge Library customers at the nearby Ansley Grove Library and Pierre Berton Resource Library. We're also running programs at the Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre, where you can find a book vending machine, *the Father Bulfon Express*, with a selection of items for all ages. By the time Woodbridge Library reopens, we expect to already have shovels in the ground to build a branch at this community centre to serve local residents' needs better.

We're also pleased to announce an extension of our Summer Camp programming, which will now run at Civic Centre Resource Library and Ansley Grove Library. There may still be snow in the forecast, but it's never too early to start dreaming of Summer!

**Margie**

# Featured Services



## SUMMER CAMPS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Get a jump on your summer planning by registering your child at one of our fun-filled themed summer camps. Each camp lasts a week and costs \$250. Registration on Eventbrite. More details on page 5.



## WOODBIDGE LIBRARY CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

Woodbridge Library will be closed for approximately 10 months as we create a brighter, better space for you! For more information and nearby libraries, visit [vaughanpl.info/wo](http://vaughanpl.info/wo)



## A WORLD OF LANGUAGES

Did you know we carry books, magazines, movies, music and more in many languages? Check out our catalogue, speak to a librarian or visit your local branch to see what we have available.

March 1st to 31st

# GAMEJAM

READY TO JOIN?



YES

NOT YET

**CODERS, ARTISTS, AND GAME MAKERS! TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING A VIDEO GAME THROUGHOUT MARCH TO COMPETE FOR LEGENDARY PRIZES!**

**NO EXPERIENCE? WE CAN HELP YOU WITH GUIDES AND TIPS! CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.**

[vaughanpl.info/gamejam](http://vaughanpl.info/gamejam)



For grades 2 to 8





# SCHOOL BREAK FUN!

# MARCH BREAK

March 10–16, 2024

## DROP-IN EVENTS MARCH BREAK FAMILY MOVIES

Do you love the library and movies? Join us for a special family film on the big screen.

AN DC Sunday, Mar 10, 2 pm  
Saturday, Mar 16, 2 pm

## DROP-IN EVENTS OCEAN ADVENTURES

Ever wonder what lies under the sea? Dive into some fun ocean themed activities at your library.

All Locations\* Monday, Mar 11, 2 pm

## DROP-IN EVENTS SPACE DAY

Get ready to blast off with some fun space themed activities!

All Locations\* Tuesday, Mar 12, 2 pm

## DROP-IN EVENTS ANIMAL KINGDOM

Discover the world that animals live in. Join us for fun activities on animals and their environments!

All Locations\* Wednesday, Mar 13, 2 pm

## DROP-IN EVENTS THE WORLD INSIDE US

YOU are awesome! Join us for activities that explore feelings and the human body.

All Locations\* Thursday, Mar 14, 2 pm

## DROP-IN EVENTS THE WORLD WE BUILD

Our world surrounds us with amazing buildings and structures. Use your creativity to design and build you own unique world with activities at the library.

All Locations\* Friday, Mar 15, 2 pm

\*Except Woodbridge Library

## SERVICE SENSORY ROOM

Drop in for some fun hands-on sensory activities that are easy on the eyes and ears. For all ages.

BCRL Mar 11–15

## STEAM BILINGUAL STEAM WORKSHOP: SPHERIFICATION

Try out Molecular Gastronomy and make a tasty popping treat with the Spherification technique. Learn science AND make something delicious! For grades 3+ and their families. Registration is \$5 on Eventbrite.

CCRL Tuesday, Mar 12, 11 am

DC Wednesday, Mar 13, 11 am

PBRL Thursday, Mar 14, 11 am



# STEAM SUMMER CAMPS

July & August | 9 am to 4 pm

Have a blast at VPL's Summer STEAM Camp! Sign up for our themed camp weeks and enjoy fun activities all summer long! For grades 2-6. \$250 per week\*. Scan the QR code or visit [vaughanpl.info/summerncamps](http://vaughanpl.info/summerncamps) to sign up!



Anasley Grove Library



Civic Centre Resource Library



## ESCAPE YOUR SUMMER\*

Put your skills to the test with a week of fun puzzles, code-breaking, and escape room challenges. The camp fee is \$200 for this four-day camp.

AN: July 2-5

CCRL: August 6-9

## GAME DESIGN & CODING

Learn to code, play, and create your own games using Pixicade, online apps, Scratch, and more!

AN: July 8-12

CCRL: August 12-16

## HARRY POTTER: HOGWARTS TRAINING CAMP

Spend a week at Hogwarts! Learn Potions, Transfiguration, Levitation, Muggle Studies and more!

AN: August 12-16

CCRL: July 8-12

## LITERARY LEGENDS

Enjoy a week full of fun STEAM activities based on favourite series like Dog Man, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Geronimo Stilton, and more!

AN: July 15-19

CCRL: August 19-23

## MAKER MADNESS

We've got all things MAKER this week at the library! Join us for button making, circuits, robots, STEAM challenges, and more!

AN: July 22-26

CCRL: August 26-30

## POKÉMON TRAINING CAMP\*

Calling all Pokémon trainers! If you've gotta catch 'em all, then join us for a week of STEAM activities, games, and more! The camp fee is \$200 for this four-day camp.

AN: August 6-9

CCRL: July 2-5

## SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

A full week of science fun, experiments and learning. Make your own bath bombs, erupt a volcano, and more!

AN: August 19-23

CCRL: July 22-26

## STAR WARS: JEDI TRAINING CAMP

Have you ever wanted to make your own light sabre or starfighter? Then join us for this week-long celebration of all things Star Wars!

AN: July 29-August 2

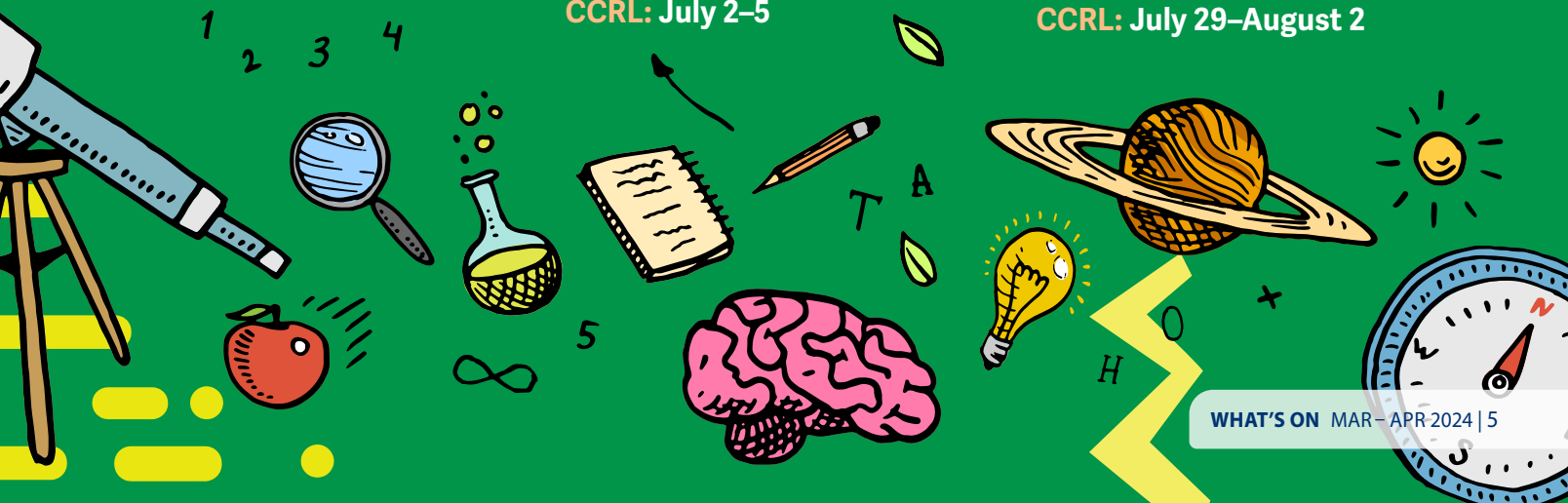
CCRL: July 15-19

## STORY SQUAD

Write your own story and learn about the art of storytelling, then bring your tale to life using digital technologies.

AN: August 26-30

CCRL: July 29-August 2



**MAKE IT!**

**LEARN IT!**

**CREATE IT!**

### **3D Design for Kids**

Design your very own 3D creations using Tinkercad. For grades 4+.

BCRL Saturday, Apr 6, 2 pm

CCRL Saturday, Apr 27, 2 pm

### **Buzzing Bristlebots**

Learn about electricity and circuits and we'll build a simple robot that dances around! Registration is \$7. For grades 2-5.

BCRL Monday, Mar 4, 7 pm

### **Code the 'Bot**

Do you love robots? Drop in and learn to code some fun robots so they can move around and solve mazes! For grades 2-6.

KL Sunday, Apr 14, 2 pm

### **Coding Ollie**

Want to code but find programming languages intimidating? Let Ollie help! Program in plain language by giving Ollie a set of instructions to follow. For grades 1-5.

BCRL Saturday, Mar 9, 2 pm

### **Coding Buddies**

Want to learn to code? Already a pro? Team up with volunteer programmers and tackle some coding challenges using Scratch & CodeCombat!

For grades 2-5.

CCRL Tuesdays, Mar 5-26, 7 pm

### **Design a 3D Cat**

Learn how to design & make a 3D printed cat using Tinkercad app & our 3D printer! For grades 4-7.

ZOOM Thursday, Apr 11, 6:30 pm

### **Discover Augmented Reality**

Bring your colouring sheets to life with the Quiver AR app! See a dragon fly over a medieval town, drive on an ATV trail, and more. For all ages.

BCRL Saturday, Mar 23, 10 am

### **Let's Build with Keva Planks**

Join us as we learn basic engineering concepts and then design and build unique structures.

For grades 2-5.

BCRL Saturday, Apr 20, 10 am

DC Saturday, Apr 6, 2 pm

MA Saturday, Mar 23, 2 pm

### **STEAM Club**

Drop in and have fun exploring new STEAM topics with guided, hands-on activities about science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

For grades 3-8.

AN Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19 & Apr 2, 16, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, Mar 19 & Apr 2, 16, 7 pm

Tuesdays, Mar 26 & Apr 9, 23, 2 pm

MA Wednesdays, Mar 6, 20 & Apr 3, 17, 7 pm

PL Thursdays, Mar 7, 21 & Apr 4, 18, 7 pm

VMC Tuesdays, Mar 12 & Apr 9, 7 pm





# MAKE & TAKE Series

## Bilingual <sup>FR</sup> STEAM Workshops

### Sphérification gastronomique <sup>e</sup>

L'art culinaire et la science se combinent pour créer une friandise éclatante grâce à la sphérification gastronomique. Un vrai régal scientifique! Pour les enfants de la 3e année+ et leurs familles. 5\$ par participant.

#### Spherification

Try out Molecular Gastronomy and make a tasty popping treat with the Spherification technique. Learn science AND make something delicious! For grades 3+ and their families.

Registration is \$5.

**CCRL** Tuesday, Mar 12, 11 am  
**DC** Wednesday, Mar 13, 11 am  
**PBRL** Thursday, Mar 14, 11 am

### Build a Terrarium Workshop <sup>e</sup>

Let's design and build a terrarium to explore concepts of the water cycle, plant growth, and ecosystems. For grades 3–7. Registration is \$10.

**PBRL** Thursday, Apr 18, 7 pm

**MHVL** Saturday, April 13, 2 pm\*

\*For parking details, please reach out to Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library.

### Hot Beverage Mugs <sup>e</sup>

Do you love warm cocoa? What better way to drink it than from a personalized mug made with our Cricut mug press? Registration is \$5. For adults.

**BCRL** Wednesday, Apr 17, 6:30 pm

### Ink It Up! <sup>e</sup>

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. Find out what we're making this time on our website. Grades 5–8. Registration is \$5.

**BCRL** Mondays, Mar 25 & Apr 29, 6:30 pm

### Paper Flowers <sup>e</sup>

Make some colourful flowers with our Cricut. Just in time for Mother's Day. For kids 9 to 90!

Registration is \$5.

**PBRL** Thursday, April 25, 6:30pm

### Replicate It <sup>e</sup>

Learn about 3D printing, mould making, casting, and replicability over the course of 3 weeks.

For grades 5+. Registration is \$10.

**BCRL** Mondays, Apr 8–Apr 22, 7 pm

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<sup>e</sup> Please pre-register at [vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com](https://vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com)





# Preschool



## Baby Adventures Storytime

Join us for lively songs, bounces, rhymes, and plenty of baby time fun. This program is designed for babies from birth to crawling.

**AN Mondays, 10 am**      **PBRL Tuesdays, 10 am**  
**BCRL Tuesdays, 10 am**      **PL Mondays, 10 am**  
**CCRL Wednesdays, 2 pm**      **VMC Wednesdays, 10 am**  
**DC Thursdays, 2 pm**      **VV Wednesdays, 10 am**  
**MA Thursdays, 10 am**      *No program Apr 1st*

## L'heure du conte / French Storytime <sup>FR</sup>

Le meilleur moyen d'apprendre en ayant du plaisir grâce à de superbes histoires et chansons pour tous!

The perfect intro to French! Awesome stories and songs for everyone.

**BCRL Mondays, Mar 11 & Apr 8, 10 am**  
**CCRL Saturdays, Mar 23 & Apr 20, 2 pm**  
**PBRL Thursdays, Mar 21 & Apr 11, 10 am**

## שעת סיפור בעברית / Hebrew Storytime

הצטרפו אלינו לסיפורים שירים, ומשחקי אצבע בעברית ובאנגלית. בשיתוף עם הפדרציה היהודית המאוחדת של טורונטו רבתי.

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays in Hebrew and English. In partnership with the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

**BCRL Wednesdays, Mar 20 & Apr 17, 5:30 pm**

## Infant Massage

In partnership with EarlyON, this program promotes nurturing touch and communication and teaches parents how to massage their babies. Register at York Region Children's Services.

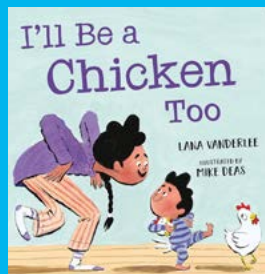
**BCRL Fridays, Mar 1–Apr 12, 10 am**  
*No program Mar 8 & 29*

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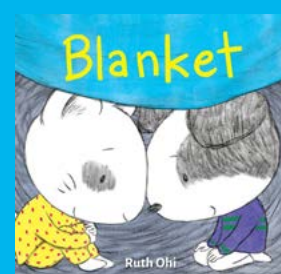
Who Laid These Eggs?  
by Laura Gehl

Book



I'll Be a Chicken Too  
by Lana Vanderlee

Book



Blanket  
by Ruth Ohi

Book



### 한국어 스토리타임 / Korean Storytime

재미있는 한국말 동화와 동요시간에 온가족을 초대합니다.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Korean that you can enjoy with your whole family.

**BCRL Mondays, Mar 18 & Apr 15, 10 am**

### Little Explorers Storytime

This program features songs, action rhymes, and early literacy activities designed for toddlers to kindergarten-aged children.

**AN Thursdays, 10 am MA Wednesdays, 10 am**

**BCRL Thursdays & Sundays, 10 am MHVL Tuesdays, 10 am**

**CCRL Fridays, 10 am PBRL Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10 am**

**DC Tuesdays, 10 am PL Thursdays, 10 am**

**KL Thursdays, 10 am VV Mondays, 10 am**

**FEBC Thursdays, 6:30pm | Youth Room**

No program Mar 29, 31, and Apr 1st

### Little Kitchen Time

Enjoy food- and cooking-themed stories and songs in our play kitchen! Then test your culinary skills—counting, measuring, recognizing ingredients—at food-inspired activity stations. For preschoolers–SK.

**VMC Thursdays, Mar 14, 28 & Apr 11, 25, 4 pm**

### 中文故事会 / Mandarin Storytime

歡迎大家來圖書館一起聽中文故事。

Join us for fun songs and joyful rhymes in Mandarin and English! Suitable for the whole family. No previous knowledge of Mandarin required.

**CCRL Tuesdays, Mar 5 & Apr 2, 10 am**

### Рассказы на русском языке / Russian Storytime

Для вас и ваших детей. Сказки, рассказы, песни на русском языке. Читаем вместе. Учим вместе. Говорим вместе. Свободное знание языка не требуется.

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes in Russian that you can enjoy with your whole family. Fluency in Russian is not required, all are welcome.

**BCRL Mondays, Mar 25 & Apr 22, 10 am**

### Hora de cuentos / Spanish Storytime

Acompáñanos a disfrutar de historias, canciones y juegos en Español y Inglés que son divertidos para toda la familia.

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Spanish and English that are fun for the whole family.

**VV Tuesdays, Mar 12, 26 & Apr 9, 23, 10 am**

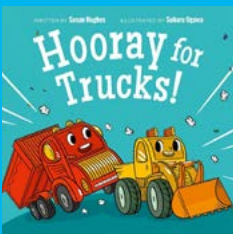
### Zumbini

A unique, fun program incorporating music and movement to encourage parent-child bonding while helping to develop early literacy, motor and social skills. Offered in partnership with EarlyON. See website for registration details.

**MA Mondays, Mar 4–Apr 29, 1:30 pm**

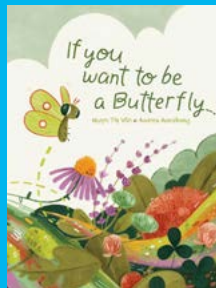
No program on Apr 1st

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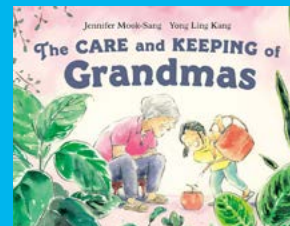
**Hooray for Trucks**  
by Susan Hughes

Book



**If You Want to Be a Butterfly**  
by Muon Thi Van & Andrea Armstrong

Book



**The Care and Keeping of Grandmas**  
by Jennifer Mook-Sang

Book

# Families & Children



## Chess Club

Drop in and test your strategies, learn some new skills, or battle it out with our talented volunteers. Beginners and pros are welcome!

**DC** Tuesdays, Mar 5–Apr 30, 6:30 pm  
*No program Mar 12*

**FEBC** Sundays, Mar 3–Apr 28, 3 pm

**MA** Thursdays, Mar 7–Apr 25, 6:30 pm  
*No program Mar 14*

**VMC** Thursdays, Mar 14 & Apr 11, 6:30 pm

**VV** Saturdays, Mar 2–Apr 27, 1 pm

## Citizen Science: Space Tomatoes 🍅

In celebration of Earth Day, join us for eco-friendly activities featuring a Tomatoes from Space experiment, food waste warrior challenge, and more! For grades 1–7.

**AN CCRL DC** Saturday, Apr 20, 2 pm

## Dog Man Unleashed

Unleash the fun! Join us for a day of Dog Man activities and games at the library!

**BCRL PBRL** Saturday, Apr 13, 2 pm

**MA** Saturday, Apr 27, 2 pm

## Epic LEGO® Build

Bring your LEGO® building skills to our EPIC build afternoon! Have fun creating the LEGO® structure of your dreams! Creations will be showcased in the library!

**BCRL** Saturday, Mar 16, 2 pm

**KL** Sunday, Mar 10, 2 pm

## Family Adventure: Pirate Adventures

Ahoy Mateys! Set sail at the library for an afternoon of Pirate-themed activities and fun, featuring a visit from Pirate Life Toronto.

**PL** Sunday, Mar 3, 2 pm

## Kids' Book Club

Get the book, read the book, and then come and tell us what you thought of it while enjoying activities and games based on the story! For grades 3–7.

**CCRL** Monday, Mar 18, 6 pm

*A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramée

**Monday, Apr 15, 6 pm**

*Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams

**PBRL** Thursday, Mar 21, 7 pm

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

**VV** Monday, Mar 4, 7 pm

*Big Nate Flips Out* by Lincoln Peirce

**Monday, Apr 8, 7 pm**

*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate Di Camillo

## Minecrafters Club

Mine with friends, craft your worlds, and challenge yourself to a whole new level of building at the library! Master builders or beginners, all are welcome.

**DC** Thursdays, Apr 4–Apr 25, 6:30 pm

## Paper Bag Princess Day!

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Robert Munsch classic with a special reading and fun activities.

**AN** Saturday, Mar 2, 10:30 am

**BCRL CCRL** Saturday, Mar 2, 2 pm

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### Paper Engineering: Pop-Up Books

Join us for a hands-on activity to engineer pop-up designs from paper! Make a 3D card or small book for someone special! For grades 3–6.

**VMC Saturday, Mar 23, 10:30 am**

### Passport to Vaughan: Nowruz Spring Celebration

Celebrate Nowruz, which marks the first day of Spring in many cultures! Join us for a special story time, planting activity, and more!

**VV Saturday, Mar 23, 2:30 pm**

### Pokémon League

Whether you own Pokémon Cards, love Pokémon or just want something fun to do, join us for a huge range of Pokémon activities at the library! All ages are welcome.

**BCRL Saturdays, Mar 23 & Apr 20, 2 pm**

### Puppet Show Fun

The whole family can laugh, listen, and enjoy a lively, fun, and amusing puppet show, led by VPL staff!

**VV Thursday, Mar 14, 1 pm**

### Reading Buddies

Have fun while practicing your reading skills and enjoying literacy activities and games with volunteers. For grades 1–6.

**DC Wednesdays, Feb 21–May 1, 5 pm & 6:30 pm**

**MA Tuesdays, Feb 6–Apr 30, 6 pm**

**PBRL Sundays, Feb 11–Apr 14, 2 pm**

Sundays, Apr 21–June 16, 2 pm

**PL Wednesdays, Feb 21–May 1, 5 pm**

**VV Thursdays, Feb 29–May 9, 5:30 pm**

No program Mar 12, 13, 14, and 31

### Sensory Storytime

Join a small group for a storytime in a quieter, sensory-friendly environment. For preschool–grade 6 and their families.

**PBRL Sundays, Mar 3 & Apr 7, 11 am**

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring your stuffed animal for some storytime fun, then your stuffed friends will stay at the library for a special overnight adventure! For preschool–grade 3.

**BCRL Saturday, Apr 27, 3 pm**



## FRENCH PROGRAMS

### Club de lecture / Kids' French Book Club

À chaque mois, lis quelque chose de nouveau en français et viens nous en parler. Activités et jeux après la discussion! Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

*Every month, read something new in French and come join us to share your ideas! Activities and games will follow the discussion. For grades 2–6.*

**CCRL Thursdays, Mar 7 & Apr 4, 7 pm**

### Club de robotique / Robotics Club

Plongez dans le monde de la robotique avec les robots Vex IQ durant ce programme de trois semaines. Construisez, pilotez, codez et entrez en compétition avec vos amis. Pour les jeunes innovateurs de la 4e à la 8e année.

*Dive into the exciting world of robotics featuring Vex IQ Robots in this three week program. Build, pilot, code, and compete with friends. For young innovators in grades 4–8.*

**PBRL Tuesdays, Mar 19–Apr 2, 6:30pm**

### Crée ta bande dessinée

#### / Create Your Graphic Novel

Découvre les secrets des bandes dessinées et crée ta propre histoire. Pour les enfants de la 3e à la 6e année.

*Discover the secrets of graphic novels and create your own story in a supportive, bilingual environment. For grades 3–6.*

**BCRL Sunday, Mar 3, 2 pm**

### Plaisir de lire / Fun With French

Rejoignez-nous pour des activités et de la lecture, animées par des bénévoles francophones de notre communauté. Pour les enfants de la 2e à la 6e année.

*Parlez vous français? Join us for activities and reading practice, led by French speaking volunteers from our community. For grades 2–6.*

**BCRL Thursdays, Mar 7–Apr 25, 7 pm**

**CCRL Wednesdays, Mar 6–Apr 24, 7 pm**

**PBRL Mondays, Mar 18–Apr 29, 6:30 pm**

No program Mar 13, 14 and Apr 1

 Please pre-register at [vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com](https://vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com)



# Teen



## Book Accord on Discord!

Join our teen book collective on Discord once a month for a lively book club where you and other teens can discuss books together.



**Thursdays, Mar 21 & Apr 18, 7:30 pm** *Scan to Sign Up!*

## Chess Club for Teens

Drop in and test your strategies, learn some new skills, or battle it out with other players. Beginners and pros are welcome!

**PBRL Wednesdays, Mar 6–Apr 24, 2:45 pm**

*No program Mar 13*

## Cooking Anime ☺

Let's bring some of the foods from your favourite animes to life! Recommended for grades 7–12. Registration is \$15 for all three weeks.

**VMC Mondays, Apr 8–Apr 22, 6:15 pm**

## Create with Generative AI ☺

Explore the evolving field of artificial intelligence with a variety of computer-assisted creation tools for arts, writing, and even music!

**BCRL Wednesdays, Mar 6–21, 7 pm**

## D&D Club ☺

Game on! Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required. For grades 6–12.

**PBRL Saturdays, Mar 9, 23 & Apr 6, 20, 2 pm**

**PL Tuesdays, Mar 5–Apr 16, 6 pm**

**VMC Tuesdays, Mar 26 & Apr 23, 6 pm**

## Debate Club ☺

Improve your critical thinking and public speaking skills! A variety of debate formats will be used to explore current events and philosophical questions. For grades 6–12.

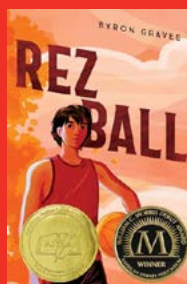
**CCRL Thursdays, Apr 4–25, 7pm**

OUR PICKS FOR U



**Only This Beautiful Moment**  
by Abdi Nazemian

Book



**Rez Ball**  
by Byron Graves

Book



**The Black Queen**  
by Jumata Emill

Book

## Escape the Library ☹

The clock is ticking. Test your wits by solving puzzles and clues to make your escape from the library. For grades 6–12.

**BCRL** Sunday, Apr 21, 2 pm

## Table Top for Teens

Explore the world of table top board games and card games at the library. Bring your own games or choose from our selection.

**DC** Fridays, Mar 1–Apr 26, 3:30 pm

*No program Mar 29*

## Teen Virtual Reality Club

Want to use lightsabers, golf clubs, scuba gear, and more? Experience fun games and programs with our Virtual Reality headsets. For grades 9–12.

**PBRL** Mondays, Mar 4, 18 & Apr 8, 22, 2:45 pm

## Toastmasters for Teens ☹

Nervous about public speaking? Join Toastmasters for Teens and conquer those fears! Develop communication and leadership skills with the guidance of a facilitator. For grades 8–12.

**PBRL** Tuesdays, Apr 9–May 28, 7 pm

## Vibe & Create ☹

Unlock your creative potential through art, writing, and mindfulness! Boost confidence, make friends, and empower your mind in this four-part series. Recommended for teens and young adults.

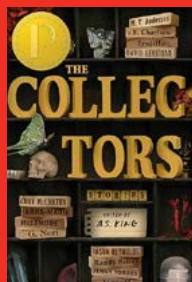
**PBRL** Wednesdays, Mar 20, 7 pm

*Mindful Doodling with Literary Prompts*

**Wednesday, Apr 17, 7 pm**

*Doodle Gratitude Journal*

☹ Please pre-register at [vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com](https://vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com)



**The Collectors**

*Edited by A.S. King*

Book

# SWIFTIE Social

We'd be enchanted to meet you at our Swiftie Social! Dress as your favourite

Era and join us for trivia, music, Taylor-inspired art, and more!

Grades 8–12.

**Dufferin Clark Library**

Saturday, Mar 9, 2 pm

**Civic Centre Resource Library**

**Pierre Berton Resource Library**

Saturday, Mar 16, 2 pm





# Adult



## Aging Well Club

A series for adventurous older adults to learn and interact with others, featuring different themes and guests. See the website for monthly topics. Join us in person or on Zoom.

**FEBC** Thursdays, Mar 21 & Apr 18, 2 pm

## Be Scam Smart!

Learn how to recognize a scam and what to do if you respond to a scam. Presented by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

**ZOOM** Monday, Apr 29, 7 pm

## Chess Club for Adults

Are you looking for a worthy chess opponent? Please drop in to hone your skills, test them out, or just to find a new chess partner.

**VV** Wednesdays, Mar 6–Apr 24, 6:30 pm

## 中文社交活动/ Chinese Social Hour

中文社交活动: 用中文聊天, 谈论书籍, 国家时事, 以及在加拿大的生活。

Chat in Chinese about books, current events, and life in Canada. Call or visit the Service Desk for more details.

**PL** Tuesdays, Mar 12 & Apr 9, 10:30 am

## Create with Generative AI

Explore the evolving field of artificial intelligence with a variety of computer-assisted creation tools for arts, writing, and even music!

**BCRL** Wednesdays, Mar 6–Mar 21, 7 pm

## Creative Age: Drum & Percussion Circle

Experience the fun and community of a drum & percussion circle. No experience needed! Materials provided or bring your own. Aimed at older adults but all adults welcome!

**CCRL** Saturday, Apr 6, 2 pm

## Creative Age: Drumming with Zorina

Drumming can aid us as we age, creating joy and inclusion. No musical ability or training necessary. Connect and have fun. In person or on Zoom.

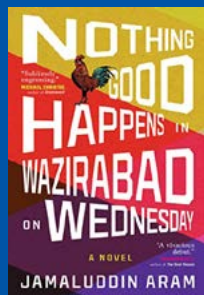
**CCRL** Wednesday, Apr 24, 2 pm

## Creative Age: Hike & Haiku

At stops along the beautiful Humber trail, with the help of our instructor, Haiku will be created seemingly effortlessly. Participants will benefit from fresh air and camaraderie. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323 ext. 4303.

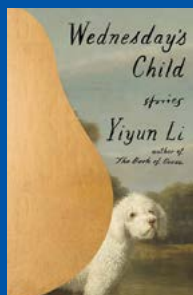
**KL** Saturday, Apr 20, 2 pm

OUR PICKS FOR U



**Nothing Good Happens in Wazirabad on Wednesday**  
by Jamaluddin Aram

Book



**Wednesday's Child**  
by Yiyun Li

Book



**Birnarn Wood**  
by Eleanor Catton

Book



## Creative Age: Watercolour Neurographic Art

Join artist and teacher Christina Chiavaroli as she gently guides you through the process of art exploration using watercolour techniques while also experiencing cognitive benefits.

**MHVL Saturdays, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 2 pm**

## Geocaching 101

Ever wondered about geocaching? Learn the joys of this fun and healthy outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join in person or on Zoom.

**AN Thursday, Apr 25, 7 pm**

## Healthy Aging Series: Align Biological Clocks

This series delves into the diverse Circadian Rhythms within our bodies, followed by discussions on science-backed techniques to harness our biological clock for enhanced well-being. Join in person or on Zoom.

**CCRL Thursdays, Mar 28 & Apr 4–25, 2 pm**

## Keeping Connected

Spend quality time enjoying engaging activities, learning something new, and having fun. Monthly drop-in, in-person program for older adults.

**CCRL Fridays, Mar 22 & Apr 19, 11:30 am**

## Learn About AI: Chatbots & Prompt Engineering

Become a master prompter! Learn how to use AI chat bots like Chat GPT to code, to write, and even to aid in your research!

**PBRL Wednesday, Mar 27, 6:30 pm**

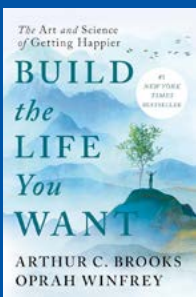
## Let's Go to the Movies

Enjoy a variety of interesting contemporary films with other movie enthusiasts.

**AN Saturdays, Mar 23 & Apr 27, 2 pm**

**DC Mondays, Mar 1–Apr 30, 1:30 pm**

No program Apr 1



**Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier**  
by Arthur C. Brooks & Oprah Winfrey

Book



## ESL & Newcomers

In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region. For registration and information, please contact LSP at [LSP@ccsy.org](mailto:LSP@ccsy.org) or call/text **647-212-6162** for the Settlement Support Group for Chinese Speaking Newcomers.

### ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners— we offer fun and lively book discussions to build your confidence in speaking English!

**ZOOM Thursdays, Mar 14 & Apr 11, 7 pm**

### ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can meet to practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers.

**VMC Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19 & Apr 2, 16, 30, 7 pm**

**ZOOM Tuesday, Mar 5, 19 & Apr 2, 16, 1:30 pm**

### Income Tax Information for Newcomers

Join an expert from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for an informative session about tax information for newcomers.

**ZOOM Monday, Mar 7, 7 pm**

### 华语新移民安居支持小组

### Settlement Support Group for Chinese Speaking Newcomers

Monthly meetings to share settlement experiences, learn about community resources and services, and get to know the community.

每月以不同活动主题，利用小组互动及图书馆设施，帮助新移民朋友了解各类服务信息，分享喜怒哀乐，维持健康生活，融入新家园。可提供国语及粤语服务。

**PL Tuesday, Apr 30, 10 am**

长者福利 **Seniors Benefits**

# Adult (cont.)

## **Make It for Business: Promote Your Brand with Cricut**

Learn how to enchant your customers with the magic of Cricut. Registration is \$5.

**PBRL Thursday, Mar 7, 6:30 pm**

## **Master Your Retirement**

This seminar will cover advanced financial planning strategies as you move towards and transition to retirement. Join in person or on Zoom.

**PBRL Monday, Apr 8, 7 pm**

## **Mastering Canva**

Ready to enhance your design skills? Join us and learn how CANVA can help with photo editing and design layout for creating social media posts, presentations, flyers, brochures, and more.

**AN Wednesdays, Apr 3, 17, May 1 & 15, 7 pm**

## **Nature Talks**

Nature Talks will bring together lovers of nature and advocates of environmental sustainability as we hear from gardeners, scientists, and environmentalists. Join in person or on Zoom.

**FEBC Monday, Apr 8, 7 pm**

## **Navigating Financial Advice**


Select the right financial advisor by understanding compensation models, identifying red flags, and asking key questions to ensure your financial goals are met effectively and ethically. Join in person or on Zoom.

**PBRL Monday, Mar 25, 7 pm**

## **Oscars Trivia Night**

Calling all movie buffs! Get ready for the Academy Awards with a night of trivia! Wear your finest as we quiz you on Oscar winners and losers. Join us on Zoom.

**ZOOM Monday, Mar 4, 7 pm**

 Please pre-register at [vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com](https://vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com)

## **Rent to Own**

With interest rates rising and house prices not really decreasing, have you thought of renting to own? Break the rent cycle; join a program to learn about transitioning from renting to homeownership. Join in person or on Zoom.

**PBRL Saturday, Apr 27, 2 pm**

## **Spring Seed Swap**

Thinking about spring planting? Drop in and receive and exchange seeds, connect with other gardeners, and receive gardening tips. If you have saved seeds, please bring them to contribute to the exchange.

**AN Tuesday, Mar 19, 10 am**

**BCRL Sunday, Apr 7, 2 pm**

## **Start Your Seeds!**

Learn the basics of seed starting including timing, containers, planting medium, watering, lighting, depth/spacing, and fertilizing. Get helpful tips to successfully start your seeds at home!

**BCRL Sunday, Mar 17, 2 pm**

## **The Power of Rituals for Grief**

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult things in life. Discover how grief rituals can aid your healing journey and learn about resources to support you.

**BCRL Wednesday, Apr 3, 7 pm**

## **Unwind & Design**

Ignite creativity, embrace sustainability, and unwind! Engage in creative activities, express yourself through personalized designs and enjoy mindful exercises that promote relaxation.

**VMC Thursdays, Mar 21 & Apr 18, 6:30 pm**

## **Writers' Room**

Work with other aspiring writers to explore the elements of writing. Perfect for discussion and feedback. Join in person or on Zoom.

**CCRL Tuesdays, Mar 19 & Apr 16, 7 pm**

# HEALTH

## Cholesterol Management

Understand what blood cholesterol values mean and learn about heart healthy eating and lifestyle changes to help manage your cholesterol. In partnership with Vaughan Community Health Centre.

**ZOOM Thursday, Mar 7, 6:30 pm**

## Health 1-on-1

Sign up for a personal session with our Health Literacies Specialist to help you find information and resources to make informed health decisions.

**ZOOM Monday, Mar 11**

**Tuesdays, Mar 26 & Apr 23 by Appointment**

## Liver Health Matters

Learn how to keep your liver healthy with the Canadian Liver Foundation. This program will cover information about liver disease, prevention, and management.

**ZOOM Tuesday, Mar 19, 7 pm**

## Epilepsy and Seizures 101

Learn to understand epilepsy and seizures, common seizure types, seizure first aid, and how the community can further support those living with epilepsy.

**ZOOM Tuesday, Mar 5, 7 pm**

## Type 2 Diabetes Intro

Learn prevention strategies and management techniques for type 2 diabetes, including lifestyle modifications and nutritional information. In partnership with Vaughan Community Health Centre.

**PBRL Friday, Apr 5, 10:30 am**

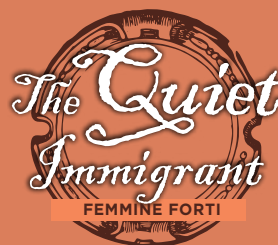


## Listen, Learn & Create a Memory

Join the curator and manager of The Quiet Immigrant Project, a rotating exhibit, as they document the matriarchs surrounding us and invite you to pay your own tribute. Join in person or on Zoom.

**Civic Centre Resource Library**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2PM**



An exhibit tribute to the Italian women of immigration. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories of the many brave women who made their way across the Atlantic to Canada in the 25 years after WW2.

**Civic Centre Resource Library**  
**FEBRUARY 1 TO APRIL 11**



# Culinary



## Bake Club

Cookies, cakes, pies, and more! Let's bake up a different treat together every month! Recommended for adults. Registration is \$7 per session.

**VMC** Sundays, Mar 17 & Apr 14, 1 pm

## Budget Lunch Social

A weekly lunch together—on a budget! Join us for this 4-week series to learn some kitchen skills and meet new cooking friends. In partnership with VCHC. Registration is \$15 for all four sessions.

**VMC** Thursdays, Apr 11–May 2, 11 am

## Cooking Anime

Let's bring some of the foods from your favourite animes to life! Recommended for grades 7–12. Registration is \$15 for all three weeks.

**VMC** Mondays, Apr 8–Apr 22, 6:15 pm

## Kitchen STEAM for Homeschoolers

Who says you can't play with your food? Let's learn about kitchen STEAM topics every month! Recommended for grades 3–8. Registration is \$5.

**VMC** Tuesdays, Mar 19 & Apr 16 19, 10 am

## Kitchen STEAM: Pi(e) Day

Let's make hand pies for Pi Day! Registration is \$5.

**VMC** Thursday, Mar 14, 6:15 pm

## Passport to Vaughan: Ramadan & Food

What is Ramadan and what foods are eaten to break the fast? Presented by Muslim Women of Vaughan. Registration is free.

**VMC** Tuesday, Mar 5, 10:30 am

## Préparons une tarte Tatin!

/ Let's Make Tarte Tatin!  

Préparons une tarte Tatin et explorons les pâtisseries traditionnelles françaises. 5\$ par participant.

*Let's make Tarte Tatin and learn more about French pastries together, en français! Registration is \$5.*

**VMC** Wednesday, Mar 6, 6:15 pm

## Snacking on Stories

Get ready to dive into the world of stories...through food! We will read a story and cook up something delicious every month. For grades 1–4, with a caregiver. Registration is \$5 per session.

**VMC** Wednesdays, Mar 20 & Apr 17, 6 pm

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# Passport to Vaughan Presents...



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VMC Library

Tuesday, March 5 | 10:30 am

📍 Register on Eventbrite

## Nowruz Spring Celebration

Celebrate Nowruz, which marks the first day of Spring in many cultures!

Join us for a special story time, planting activity, and more!

Vellore Village Library  
Saturday, March 23 | 2:30 pm





# ADULT BOOK CLUBS

## Great Novels Book Club

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls.

**BCRL** **Wednesday, Mar 27, 7 pm**

*The Librarianist* by Patrick deWitt

**Wednesday, Apr 24, 7 pm**

*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*  
by Rachel Joyce

## Romance Book Club

Want to talk about books that make you sigh and swoon, and always have a happily-ever-after? Join our Romance Book Club in person or on Zoom!

**CCRL** **Monday, Mar 11, 7 pm**

*Business or Pleasure*

by Rachel Lynn Solomon

**Monday, Apr 8, 7 pm**

*The Burnout* by Sophie Kinsella

## Sci-Fi Book Club

From discovering far away galaxies to alternate universes, join us to discuss a different Sci-Fi book each month, either in person or on Zoom!

**PBRL** **Monday, Mar 18, 7 pm**

*Shards of Earth* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

**Monday, Apr 15, 7 pm**

*Recursion* by Blake Crouch

## True Stories Book Club

We'll explore a variety of popular non-fiction titles, from current affairs to cutting-edge science, as well as true stories.

**CCRL** **Tuesday, Mar 5, 7 pm**

*After Work: The Fight for Free Time*

by Helen Hester & Nick Srnicek

**Tuesday, Apr 2, 7 pm**

*The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight* by Andrew Leland



# LIBRARY SERVICES



## Exam Stress Busters

Need a study break? Pop into one of our stress-relief programs and make exam season a little less stressful!

**BCRL CCRL PBRL** Apr 8–19

## Seed Library

York Region Food Network's Seed Library makes seeds accessible to everybody in our community. Visit the library for free seeds you can plant at home.

**BCRL**

## Sensory Room

Drop in for some fun hands-on sensory activities that are easy on the eyes and ears. For all ages.

**BCRL** Fridays

## Study Hall

Need a place to study for exams? VPL's Study Hall is open late for university students who want to study alone or in small groups.

**BCRL CCRL PBRL** April 8–25

Monday – Thursday 9 pm–12 am

Friday 6 pm–12 am

Saturday – Sunday 5 pm–12 am

## Tech Tutor 1-on-1

Drop in and get hands-on assistance from volunteers for some basic technology questions such as navigating the internet, using your tablet, or sending emails.

**CCRL** Wednesdays, Mar 6–Apr 24, 6 pm

Saturdays, Mar 2–Apr 27, 10 am

**DC** Mondays, Mar 1–Apr 30, 4 pm\*

**PBRL** Thursdays, Mar 7–Apr 25, 5 pm

**PL** Mondays, Mar 4–Apr 29, 6 pm\*

\*No program Apr 1

## Visit the Therapy Dogs

Take a break and visit with the therapy dogs, in partnership with St. John Ambulance.

**CCRL** Tuesday, Apr 9, 7 pm

Monday, Apr 15, 2 pm

**MHVL** Wednesday, Mar 13, 12 pm

Monday, Apr 15, 12 pm

**VMC** Wednesday, Apr 24, 7 pm

**BCRL** Bathurst Clark Resource Library | **CCRL** Civic Centre Resource Library  
**DC** Dufferin Clark Library | **MHVL** Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library  
**PBRL** Pierre Berton Resource Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library

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Vaughan Public Libraries offers welcoming destinations that educate, excite and empower our community.

**ENRICH INSPIRE TRANSFORM**

## Become a Member

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## Upcoming Holiday Closures

Friday, March 29	Good Friday	CLOSED
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Monday, April 1	Easter Monday	CLOSED

## Subscriptions



Weekly emails about what's happening at the library.  
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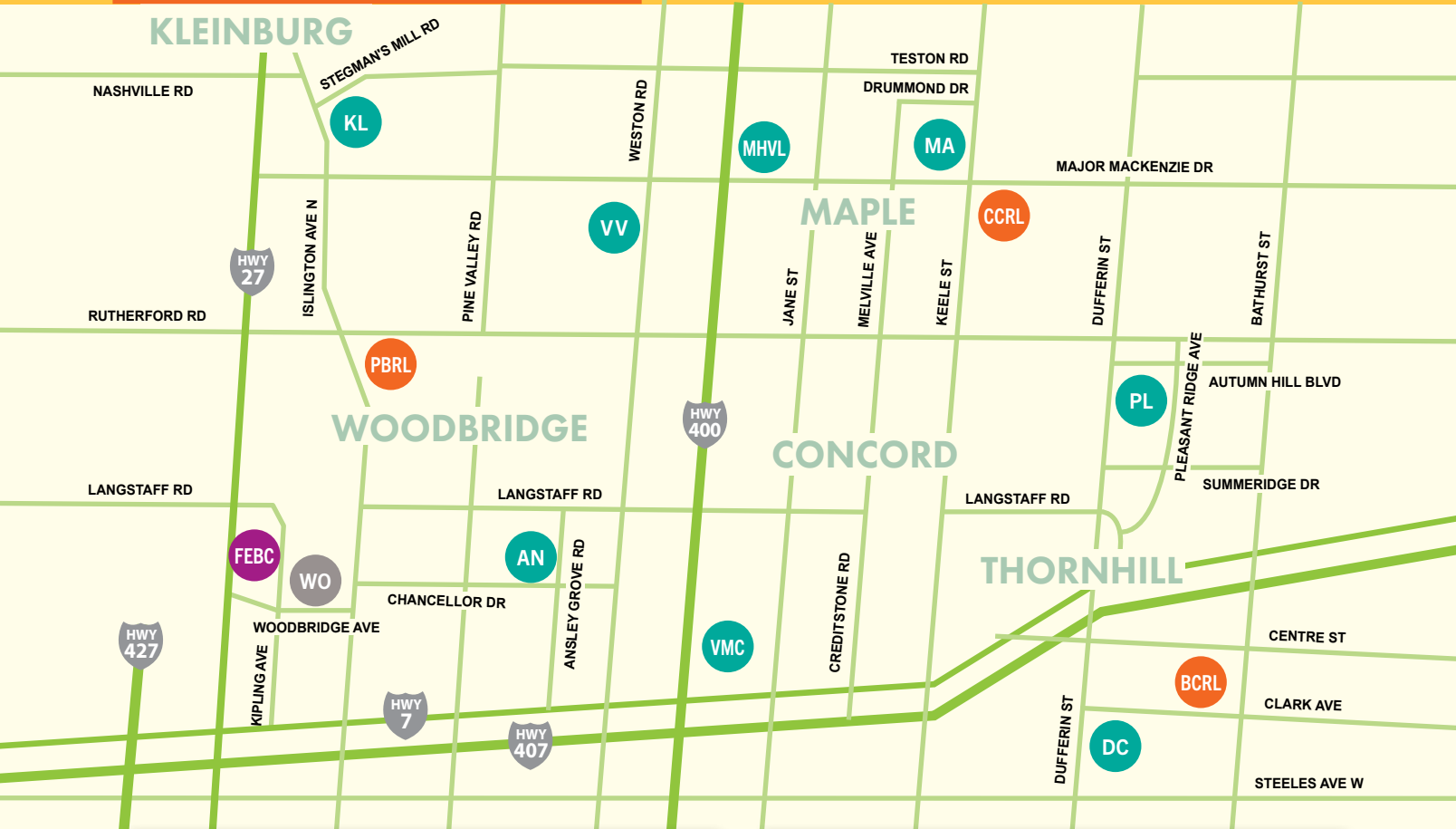
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# Library Locations

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## Now featuring the Father Bulfon Express

**FEBC** **FATHER E. BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
8141 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 3W9  
Mon–Fri 7:30am–9pm  
Sat & Sun 7:30am–3:30pm

**BCRL** **BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 8C1

**CCRL** **CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
2191 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan L6A 4W2

**PBRL** **PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge L4L 1A6  
Mon–Thurs 9am–9pm; Fri 9am–6pm;  
Sat & Sun 9am–5pm

**KL** **KLEINBURG LIBRARY**  
10341 Islington Avenue North, Kleinburg L0J 1C0  
Mon & Wed 1–9pm; Tue, Thur & Sat  
9am–5pm; Fri & Sun 1–5pm

**AN** **ANSLEY GROVE LIBRARY**  
350 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 5C9

**DC** **DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY**  
1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 7R4

**MHVL** **MACKENZIE HEALTH VAUGHAN LIBRARY**  
3200 Major MacKenzie Drive West, Maple L6A 4Z3

**MA** **MAPLE LIBRARY**  
10190 Keele Street, Maple L6A 1G3

**PL** **PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY**  
300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

**VV** **VELLORE VILLAGE LIBRARY**  
1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge L4H 2Z7

**VMC** **VMC LIBRARY & VMC EXPRESS**  
200 Apple Mill Rd, Vaughan L4K 0J8

**WO** **WOODBIDGE LIBRARY**  
Temporarily closed

Mon–Thurs 9am–9pm; Fri 9am–6pm;  
Sat & Sun 9am–5pm



FAMILY ADVENTURES

# PIRATE ADVENTURES



Ahoy Mateys! Set sail at the library for an afternoon of Pirate-themed activities and fun, featuring a visit from Pirate Life Toronto.

Pleasant Ridge Library Sunday, March 3, 2 pm

## Paper Bag Princess Day

Saturday, March 2

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Robert Munsch classic with a special reading and fun activities.

See page 11 for times & locations



## DOG MAN UNLEASHED!



UNLEASH THE FUN! JOIN US FOR A DAY OF DOG MAN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES AT THE LIBRARY!

SEE PAGE 10 FOR DATES & LOCATIONS

## Stikine Odyssey: A Celebration of Earth Day

Peter Rowlands, author of *Stikine Odyssey: From Adventure to Activism with The Great River*, will share his decades long relationship with the river, interspersed with live acoustic music.

Civic Centre Resource Library  
Sunday, April 21, 2 pm

Register on Eventbrite

