

The Neighbourhood Hot Spots

Explore Vaughan Public Libraries

Vaughan Public Libraries is an exciting part of the Vaughan community. With nine locations offering intriguing programs for all ages, a large collection of bestsellers, eBooks, blockbusters, and the latest technology, we're the neighbourhood hot spot that will **enrich**, **inspire** and **transform** your life.

Great Things

are happening just around the corner

Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) is right there when you need them. With the recent opening of our Civic Centre Resource Library at the City Hall Campus, there are now nine locations with more on the way. Next year, we will be opening a new community branch at Vellore Village and soon after that, another at the new Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. But that's not all that's been going on with your neighbours at Vaughan Public Libraries.



Great programs for all ages have always been our hallmark. In 2015, we continued to deliver enriching and inspiring opportunities for the citizens of Vaughan. *Baby Sign Language*, a new program designed to help parents teach their babies pre-verbal communication, was introduced. The *Newcomer Bus Tour* was popular once again. Our *Homebound Delivery Service* was a high-demand favourite while crowds flocked to *Bookfest*, which included author readings, writing workshops and more.



Engaging the teens of Vaughan has always been our priority. We built on that foundation in 2015 with the addition of cool teen programming. At *Escape the Library*, inspired by the escape room craze, teens solved puzzles and enigmas to escape from three "rooms" in the library.



Other highlights included a visit by New York Times #1 bestselling author Kelley Armstrong during our Teen Read Week.

VPL has always had a strong commitment to technology. Last year all of our branches acquired iPads for staff to demonstrate various library apps as well as general use of the iPad to customers. The iPad/laptop dispenser at our Pleasant Ridge Library proved to be a big hit, with laptops/iPads being borrowed over 5,700 times in 2015. Our self-checkout service really took off last year too, with use increasing to 70%.



Another well-received technology initiative was the system-wide implementation of our new Wi-Fi infrastructure. It allows for greater activity which proved true as over 285,800 of our customers logged on! Plus, our re-designed KidZone went live in January 2015. With more reading recommendations for kids, resources for parents, homework help and tons of fun stuff, it truly is a kids' zone.



Looking forward, VPL is really excited to see what creativity our new **MAKE IT** and **CREATE IT** spaces unleash. Located at Pierre Berton Resource Library and Civic Centre Resource Library, these community spaces provide artists, musicians, inventors and entrepreneurs with all the tools they need—including

3D printers, graphic design software, video equipment, a green screen, music recording studio and more—to transform their inspirations into reality.

We couldn't consider ourselves good neighbours if we didn't get involved in community events. Last year, VPL participated in *Santafest*, contributing a team of VPL Christmas Construction Elves to the parade. We were front and centre at *Winterfest* leading storytime sessions, and we also took part in the annual *Concerts in the Park* series, a great city-wide event where families, friends and neighbours enjoyed live music performed by talented artists and entertainers. We were proud to support *Battle of the Books*, a Jeopardy-like competition pitting students from various Vaughan elementary schools against one another.

There's so much to discover at your neighbourhood Library. Stop by for a visit and catch up with all that's happening and all that's still to come.

2015
by the
numbers

Libraries
were open
22,400
hours

2,468,939
customers
visited VPL

3,186,341
items were
borrowed

13,172
eBooks were
available for
download

Staff answered
590,841
customer
questions

Over
1,170,020
visits to VPL's
website

14,724
new customers
joined the
Library

88,450
eBooks were
checked out

114,612
new items
were added to
VPL's collections

109,680
people attended
4,735
programs

Vaughan Public Library Board, 2014-2018



Front Row (from L): Cristina Rizzuto, Ralph Cinelli, Devender Sandhu (Chair), Margie Singleton (CEO), Rose Savage (Vice-Chair), Lynne Axmith, Marilyn lafrate.

Back Row (from L): Manjit Kaur, Ugo Di Federico, Sandra Yeung Racco, Jane Kelly, Rosanna DeFrancesca, Suri Rosen, Maya Goldenberg, Mario Ferri, Isabella Ferrara, Loreta Pavese, Steve Kerwin, Mubarak Ahmed, Palma Pallante

Absent: Gary Thompson

Locations

Ansley Grove Library

Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Civic Centre Resource Library

Dufferin Clark Library

Kleinburg Library

Maple Library

Pleasant Ridge Library

Pierre Berton Resource Library

Woodbridge Library

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