

WHAT'S ON



Find your **Community**
in the **library!**

TACCA Steel Orchestra performing at the Dufferin Clark Library

Welcome



Margie Singleton
CEO,
Vaughan Public Libraries

With the end of the year approaching, it's a good time to take stock on what's happened at the library in 2024. A huge amount of progress has been made on renovations at Woodbridge Library, which will add more space and brightness, while also modernizing its look and feel. We currently expect a reopening in early 2025. Around the same time, we will welcome our fourteenth location with Carrville Library opening as part of a brand new community centre in the neighbourhood. Our contractors are currently adding finishes throughout the new library and we're excited to open our doors, so stay tuned for news of a big celebration!

We've added innovations this year (like the ability to check out items using your cell phone) and new collection items (such as a large number of world language items). Our Family and Children's activities have gone from strength to strength, while our teen Bookmark Contest was a huge success, and we've revamped our programming line-up for older adults to include activities as diverse as drum circles and neurographic art. We've held huge events like our Family Adventures series, and programs that have embraced diversity, such as our Drag Queen Storytime. We even held a Citizenship Ceremony and welcomed 48 new Canadians. Finally, we were also proud to be recognized by the PRXchange Awards for this very publication!

It's been a great 2024, but the best is yet to come. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Margie

Featured Services



BIG BOOK SALE

Bring your own bag and fill it for \$10! Browse our wide selection of books and movies for all ages.

Dufferin Clark Library **November 3–10**
Kleinburg Library **November 5–10**



FOOD BANK DRIVE

Book it to our food drive and get in the holiday mood by giving what you CAN. From November 25 to December 16, VPL is accepting donations of non-perishable food items at all locations for our 18th Annual Food Drive. Collected items will be donated to the Vaughan Food Bank, Humanity First, and Chasdei Kaduri. Show your support for our community and make a difference.



IMMIGRANT STORY EXHIBIT

The immigrant experience in words and pictures! Explore the stories of immigrants to Canada from the world over, artistically displayed on larger-than-life panels.

Civic Centre Resource Library **December 1– January 26**

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EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER
3-9

Education with Nate Leipziger

Join Holocaust Survivor Nate Leipziger for a special presentation where he shares personal experiences of the atrocities, struggles, and triumphs he encountered during one of history's darkest periods. Through his firsthand account, listeners will gain an intimate perspective on the impact of the Holocaust on individuals and families, as well as the broader implications for humanity. For grades 6+.

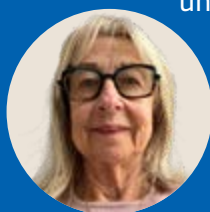
Pierre Berton Resource Library
Tuesday, Nov 5, 1:30 pm



Conversation with Rita Starkman

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Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Wednesday, Nov 6, 7 pm



Art in the Holocaust Exhibit

The Art in the Holocaust exhibit, from Yad Vashem's Art Collection, will be available for viewing at the library.

Civic Centre Resource Library
November 1-22



Virtual Tour: Ghetto Fighters Museum

Join UJA's Israel Engagement for a special virtual tour of the Ghetto Fighters Museum. This program offers an in-depth look at one of the most significant institutions dedicated to preserving the memory of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

ZOOM Sunday, Nov 3, 11 am 



Presented in partnership with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

MAKE IT!

LEARN IT!

CREATE IT!

3D Design for Kids ^e

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

BCRL Monday, Dec 2, 7 pm

Break It!

Curious about how things work? Drop in and take apart gadgets and gizmos to look inside and learn! Families welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BCRL Monday, Dec 16, 7 pm

Cricut Merch Maker ^e

Create your own custom Cricut merch using our Cricut and heat press! For teens grades 9+.

CCRL Saturday, Nov 16, 11 am



Discover Stop Motion! ^e

Did you know that movies are just a series of pictures flashing by quickly? That means you make a movie using still shots! Come try for yourself! For all ages.

MA Sunday, Nov 24, 2 pm

Flight School ^e

Welcome to Flight School! Learn to fly walkalong gliders, then make your own lightweight glider to take home. For grades 4–8. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Mondays, Nov 4 & Nov 11, 7 pm

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 and family members.

BCRL Sunday, Nov 3, 2 pm

KL Sunday, Nov 10, 2 pm

MA Sunday, Dec 8, 2 pm

PL Saturdays, Nov 2, 16, 30 & Dec 14, 10:30 am

Platforming With Pixicade ^e

Want to be a game-dev? Grab your markers and draw your game, then play, test, and fix the bugs to make your perfect level. For grades 3–8.

BCRL Monday, Nov 25, 7 pm

Recording Studio 101 ^e

Get an introduction to the Recording Studio equipment and software.

CCRL Mondays, Nov 4 & Dec 2, 6:30 pm



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Design Projects

Robotics Club

Calling all young innovators in grades 4–8! Dive into the exciting world of robotics featuring Vex robots in this four-week program. Build, pilot, code, and compete with friends.

DC Thursdays, Nov 7–Nov 28, 6:30 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, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3 & 17, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, Nov 5 & 19, 2 pm

Tuesdays, Nov 12 & 26, 7 pm

MA Wednesdays, Nov 13, 27 & Dec 11, 7 pm

PL Thursdays, Nov 7, 21, Dec 5 & 19, 7 pm

VMC Wednesdays, Nov 20 & Dec 18, 7 pm

STEAM Workshops: Light It Up!

Join us to explore electricity and circuits by building a paper circuit and using Foldify. For grades 3–6. Registration is \$10 on Eventbrite.

PBRL Saturday, Dec 7, 2 pm

VMC Saturday, Nov 9, 2 pm

VV Monday, Dec 9, 6:30 pm

Tricky Turing Tumble

Program and solve puzzles with gravity using marbles that make calculations as they tumble down a track. For grades 4+.

BCRL Monday, Nov 18, 7 pm

3D Ornaments

Learn how to design and make a 3D ornament using the Tinkercad app & our 3D printer! For grades 4–7. Families welcome.

ZOOM Thursday, Nov 14, 6:30 pm

Make Gift Bags with Cricut

The bag itself can be a special gift! Make your custom bags and learn how to use our Cricut! For adults and teens grade 9+.

Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, Dec 12, 6:30 pm

Making Gifts with Glowforge

Design a laser cut keychain you can give away as a gift. Available for pickup at your selected library location. For children in grades 3+ accompanied by an adult.

Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, Nov 28, 6:30 pm



MAKE & TAKE Series



Custom Greeting Cards

Come use Cricut Design Space and our Cricut Machine to cut two-layer gift cards to give to family and friends. For families with kids grades 4+. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Saturday, Nov 16, 1:30 pm

Holiday Cookie Stencils

Learn to make custom stencils with our Cricut! You'll take home a food-safe stencil you can use to decorate cookies for the holidays. For grades 5+. Adults are also welcome! Registration is \$5.

BCRL Monday, Dec 9, 6:30 pm

Hot Beverage Mugs

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, Nov 20, 6:30 pm

Ink It Up!

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. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Sunday, Dec 1, 1:30 pm | Grades 5–8
Saturday, Dec 14, 1:30 pm | For teens



STEAM BIRTHDAY PARTY

STEAM Birthday Parties at VPL are now available for booking. Check our website for details!
vaughanpl.info/birthdayparties

P.A. DAYS AT VPL

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Magic and Mystery!

Are you fascinated by magic and mysteries? Join us for a day of imagining, creating, magic, and solving mysteries.

All VPL Locations (except WO)

Friday, November 15, 10am–4pm

*Except Kleinburg Library 2–4pm

Magie et Mystère!

Êtes-vous fasciné par la magie et les mystères? Rejoignez-nous pour une journée remplie d'imagination, de création, magie, et de résolution d'énigmes captivantes.

All VPL Locations (except WO)

Friday, November 22, 10am–4pm

*Except Kleinburg Library 2–4 pm

STEAM CAMP

P.A. Day STEAM Camp: Pokémon Training Camp

Join us for a fun-filled day of Pokémon-themed math and science activities. For grades 2–6. Registration is \$50 on Eventbrite.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Friday, November 15, 9am–4pm



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 Tuesdays, 10 am**
MA Thursdays, 10 am

No program Dec 21–Jan 3

L'heure du conte / French Storytime

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, Nov 11 & Dec 9, 10 am
CCRL Saturdays, Nov 2 & 30, 2 pm
PBRL Thursdays, Nov 14 & Dec 12, 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, Nov 20 & Dec 18, 5:30 pm

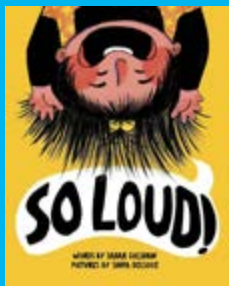
한국어 스토리타임 / Korean Storytime

재미있는 한국말 동화와 동요 시간에 온 가족을 초대합니다.

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

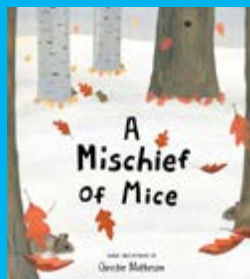
BCRL Mondays, Nov 18 & Dec 16, 10 am

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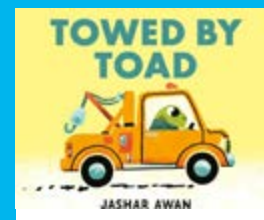
So Loud!
by Golshan Sahar

Book



A Mischief of Mice
by Christie Matheson

Book



Towed by Toad
by Jashar Awan

Book

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
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Sundays, 10 am Saturdays, 10 am
CCRL Fridays, 10 am **PL** Thursdays, 10 am
DC Tuesdays, 10 am **VV** Thursdays, 10 am
KL Thursdays, 10 am

No program Dec 21–Jan 3

Little Kitchen Time

Enjoy food and cooking-themed stories and songs in our play kitchen! Test your culinary skills—counting, measuring, recognizing ingredients at food-inspired activity stations.

For preschool–SK.

VMC Thursdays, Nov 7–Dec 19, 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, Nov 5 & Dec 3, 10 am

Musical Babies

An hour long drop-in program that incorporates musical learning with songs, rhymes, and more. Offered in partnership with EarlyON. Space is limited. For ages 0–12 months.

KL Wednesdays, Nov 6–Dec 18, 1:30 pm

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 Monday, Nov 25, 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 Wednesdays, Nov 13 & Dec 11, 10 am

STEAM Storytime

Investigate early Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics concepts through songs, stories, and interactive play. For ages 3–5.

DC Tuesday, Dec 17, 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, Nov 4–Dec 16, 1:30 pm



Scan to Sign Up!



The Girl Who Loved Poutine

by Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Book



Honk Honk, Beep Beep, Putter Putt!

by Rukhsana Khan

Book



Bounce!

by Robert Munsch

Book

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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, Nov 5–Dec 17, 6:30 pm

MA Thursdays, Nov 7–Dec 12, 6:30 pm

VMC Thursdays, Nov 14, 28 & Dec 12, 6:30 pm

VV Saturdays, Nov 2–Dec 14, 1 pm

No program Nov 23

FEBC Wednesdays, Nov 6 & Dec 4, 7 pm

Children's Author Visit

Bestselling children's author Ruth Ohi showcases how to create a children's picture book from concept to illustration. We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts.

MHVL Wednesday, Nov 13, 10:30 am

Deck the Trails with Seeds and Berries! 🍷

Celebrate the upcoming holiday season by learning about common backyard birds and making a pinecone feeder to decorate trees with the tasty treat! In partnership with TRCA.

VV Wednesday, Nov 6, 6:30 pm

Jingle Bell Bash

Delight in the magic of Christmas! Jingle all the way with fun stories, songs, and festive activities!

AN Thursday, Dec 19, 10 am

CCRL Friday, Dec 20, 10 am

VMC Saturday, Dec 14, 10 am

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 Tuesday, Nov 19, 6 pm

The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn
by Hergé

Tuesday, Dec 17, 6 pm

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

VV Monday, Nov 4, 7 pm

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Monday, Dec 2, 7 pm

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Happy Hanukkah Celebration!

Join us for an evening to celebrate Hanukkah! Children will learn about the holiday through creative stations and STEAM-related activities.

BCRL Wednesday, Dec 18, 6 pm

CCRL Sunday, Dec 15, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, Dec 19, 6 pm

Mindful Doodling for Kids: Mandala Art

Learn how to improve mood and mindset by combining repetition, design, and pattern to create Mandala art.

For grades 3–6.

CCRL Saturday, Nov 16, 2 pm

DC Saturday, Nov 16, 2 pm

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.

AN Friday Nov. 16, 2pm

MHVL Saturdays, Nov 23, 30, Dec 7 & 14, 2 pm

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.

DC Saturday, Dec 14, 2 pm

MHVL Saturday, Nov 16, 2 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, Nov 2 & 30, 2 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, Nov 13 & Dec 11, 6 pm

Sensory Storytime

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

PBRL Sundays, Nov 17 & Dec 15, 11 am

Winter Break Challenge!

Do you like building things? Are you up for the Winter Break Challenge? Drop in and have fun with winter-related building challenges using a variety of materials.

All VPL Locations (except WO)

Dec 21– Jan 3

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



FRENCH PROGRAMS

Heure du conte sensorielle

/ French Sensory Storytime 

Rejoignez-nous pour des histoires et chansons dans un environnement apaisant et sensoriel. Pour les enfants de la maternelle à la 6e année et leurs familles.

Join us for stories and songs in French in a soothing, sensory-friendly environment. For preschool to grade 6 and their families.

BCRL Fridays, Nov 15 & Dec 20, 11 am

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, Nov 7–Dec 19, 7 pm

CCRL Wednesdays, Nov 6–Dec 11, 7 pm

PBRL Mondays, Nov 4–Dec 16, 6:30 pm

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 Thursday, Nov 21, 7 pm

 **More French programs on page 7 & 21!**

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Ace Your Presentation! ☺

Want to ace your presentation? In this jam-packed workshop, learn how to speak confidently while presenting information with clarity, creativity, ease, and purpose.

DC Thursday, Dec 5, 6 pm

PBRL Wednesday, Dec 4, 6 pm

Babysitting Course with Heart2Heart ☺

Learn important skills for becoming a top-notch babysitter in this one-day course. Registration is \$70. For ages 11–15.

CCRL Nov 30, 9:30 am

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, Nov 6–Dec 18, 2:45 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.

PL Tuesdays, Sept 10–Dec 10, 6 pm

VMC Tuesdays, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3 & 17, 6 pm

Design Projects: Make Gift Bags with Cricut ☺

The bag itself can be a special gift! Make your custom bags and learn how to use our Cricut! For adults and teens grade 9+. Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, Dec 12, 6:30 pm

Club de débat / French Debate Club ^{FR} ☺

Améliorez votre esprit critique et votre capacité de vous exprimer en public, en français.

Improve your critical thinking and public speaking skills while speaking French.

CCRL Thursdays, Nov 7–Dec 5, 7 pm

No program on Nov 21

Holocaust Education with Nate Leipziger

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PBRL Tuesday, Nov 5, 1:30 pm

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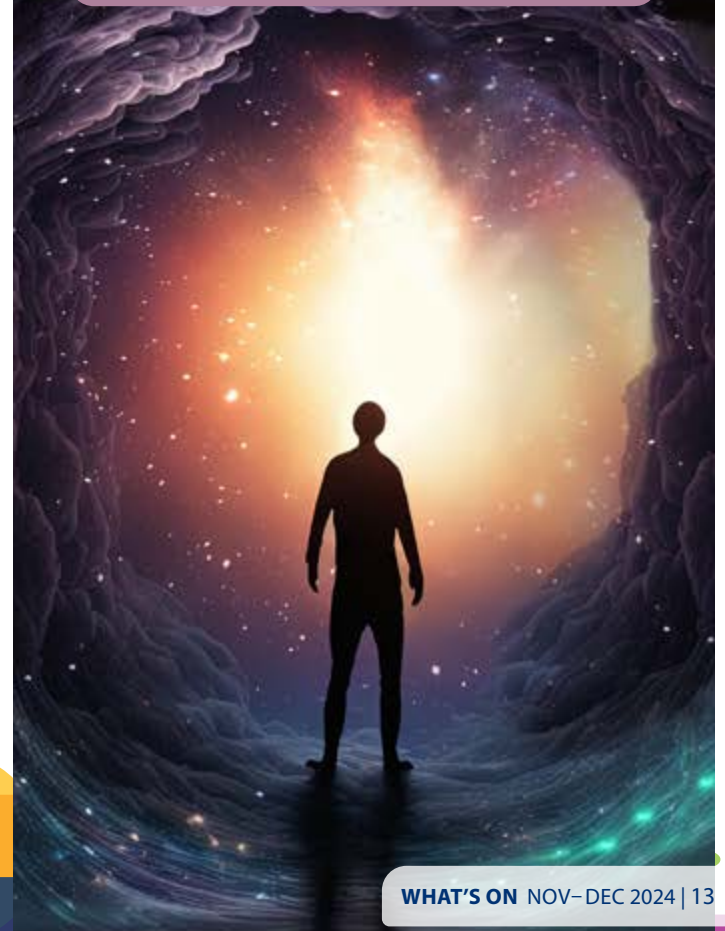
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S'ÉCHAPPER DU BIBLIO LABYR INTHE

Escape from the library labyrinth, a world of wonder and mystery, as you race to win the ultimate trophy! Enjoy snacks and games along the way! For grades 7–12.

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
Saturday, Nov 9, 7 – 9 pm

 Register at LibraryLabyrinth.eventbrite.ca



Makers With a Cause

Let's make the world a better place with meaningful DIY activities. Express yourself creatively and make someone's day! In this session we will be making holiday cards for seniors living in long-term care.

AN Thursday, Dec 5, 6:30 pm

VMC Saturday, Dec 7, 2 pm

Period Power Hour

Join us at the library for a period positivity party! Celebrate menstrual health with fun activities, an informative talk, and free resources. Let's break the stigma together! All are welcome.

MHVL Saturday, Nov 9, 2 pm

Project Thrive: Health & Nutrition Workshop for Teens

Empowering youth by teaching principles of food and nutrition, simple kitchen principles, and building confidence and self-esteem with Registered Dietitians and Social Workers. Registration is \$100 on Eventbrite. For ages 10–15.

CCRL Saturday, Nov 23, 9:30 am

Rainbow Reads for Teens

Interested in checking out some YA reads with LGBTQ2+ characters and themes? Get a copy, read it, and then come tell us what you think!

CCRL Saturday, Nov 2, 1 pm

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

TikTok Cooking

Let's put some TikTok recipes to the test! Ranging from savoury to sweet, let's make ourselves some tasty treats! For grades 7–12. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, Nov 25, 6:15 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.

VV Wednesday, Nov 20, 6:30 pm

Mindful Art Gratitude Journaling

Wednesday, Dec 18, 6:30 pm

Meditative Watercolour Painting

Adult



Antiques Appraisal

An event filled with nostalgia, heritage, and stories. Join antiques expert Gary Dawson from Gary Dawson Antiques, member of the Canadian Antique Dealers Association, for a free antiques appraisal. Bring an item to have appraised or simply come learn how it's done. See website for details.

CCRL Saturday, Nov 16, 12 pm

Canva Club

Looking to expand your Canva skills or to share your knowledge? Join Canva Club to ask questions and share tips and tricks!

CCRL Mondays, Nov 18 & Dec 9, 7 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, Nov 12 & Dec 10, 10:30 am

Conversation with Rita Starkman


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BCRL Wednesday, Nov 6, 7 pm

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 Dec 7-13

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OUR PICKS FOR U



Real Ones

by Katherena Vermette
Book



Till Death Do Us Part

by Laurie Elizabeth Flynn

Book



A Great Country

by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Book

Film Club

Watch a film selected from VPL's digital collections at your convenience, and then join our monthly discussions to share your thoughts. Join in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Wednesday, Nov 13, 7 pm

Fat: A Documentary

Wednesday, Dec 4, 7 pm

The Endless

Financial Literacy Fundamentals

Learn basic financial skills: borrowing money and smart shopping. This Money Matters series was developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada in partnership with the Government of Canada and is delivered in communities across Canada.

MA Monday, Nov 18, 6:30 pm

Smart Shopping

PL Monday, Nov 11, 6:30 pm

Borrowing Money

Hindustani Music Performance

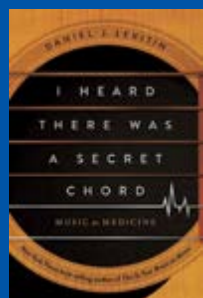
In celebration of Diwali, listen to the best of Hindustani classical music performed by Vidwan Vinayak Hegde, a music teacher, performer, and vocal expert.

DC Saturday, Nov 9, 2 pm

How the Ontario Ombudsman's Office Can Help You

Join Ontario Ombudsman staff to learn more about how they can help ensure you are treated fairly by your government. Areas include ServiceOntario, ODSP, OHIP, etc. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323 x 4303. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Tuesday, Nov 6, 2 pm



I Heard There Was a Secret Chord

by Daniel J. Levitin

Book

Languages & Conversations: Learning with AI

Meet your new study buddy—AI! Learn about AI translation, prompt engineering for linguistics, and the pros and cons of relying on AI in our multicultural world.

PBRL Wednesday, Nov 13, 6:30 pm

Leaders of Colour in Multicultural Canada

Drawing on his own experiences, University of Toronto Professor Joseph Wong reflects on how leaders of colour can, and must, have a positive impact on Canadian society.

CCRL Tuesday, Nov 26, 7 pm



ESL & Newcomers

In partnership with CCSYR through Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP) in York Region.

ESL Book Club

Good news for ESL learners—we offer fun and lively book discussions to build your confidence in speaking English! For registration and information, please contact LSP at LSP@ccsy.org

ZOOM Thursdays, Nov 14 & Dec 12, 7 pm

ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can meet to practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. For registration and information, please contact cel@ccsy.org or 289-317-3745.

VMC Tuesdays, Nov 5 - Dec 17, 6 pm

Virtual ESL Café

Newcomers and ESL learners can practice their English in an informal online environment with adult volunteers. For registration and information, please contact LSP@ccsy.org.

ZOOM Tuesday, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3 & 17, 1:30 pm

Adult (cont.)

Let's Go to the Movies

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

DC Mondays, Nov 1–Dec 23, 1:30 pm

Long Term Disability Benefits

Gain understanding about coverage details and the application process for those seeking financial security in case of long-term illness or injury. Presented by Courtney Mulqueen, Principal Lawyer from Mulqueen Disability Law.

ZOOM Monday, Nov 4, 7 pm

Make a Will Month

It's 'Make a Will Month', and VPL is partnering with the Ontario Bar Association to help you understand the importance of having a legal will and recognize the essential elements of a valid will. This session provides legal information, not legal advice.

ZOOM Thursday, Nov 14, 7 pm

Memory Lab Orientation

Do you have memories on old technology and you want to convert them? Home movies on VHS? Pictures on slides? An old mix tape? Drop in to learn about our resources that can help preserve them!

DC Wednesday, Nov 20, 2 pm

Safe & Found at MedicAlert

Safe & Found is a program that tackles the challenge of persons with dementia going missing and the stressors that arise for care partners when this occurs. Presented by MedicAlert. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323 ext. 4303

ZOOM Thursday, Nov 14, 7 pm

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DC Dufferin Clark Library | **PBRL** Pierre Berton Resource Library |
PL Pleasant Ridge Library | **MHVL** Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library
VMC VMC Library

Shine a Light & Give Back

Take action, support Amnesty International, show solidarity for human rights, engage with your community, make a difference. Volunteer your time and energy for a worthy cause. Drop-in.

CCRL Thursday, Nov 14, 2 pm

Succeeding in French Immersion

Join a French as a Second Language Consultant to find out how you can ensure that your child succeeds in the French Immersion program.

CCRL Wednesday, Nov 20, 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, Nov 21 & Dec 19, 6:30 pm

Virtual Tour: Ghetto Fighters Museum

Join UJA's Israel Engagement for a special virtual tour of the Ghetto Fighters Museum. This program offers an in-depth look at one of the most significant institutions dedicated to preserving the memory of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

ZOOM Sunday, Nov 3, 11 am

Wisdom Exchange

Engage with community members who will share their knowledge and experience through a range of fun and interactive sessions. Project made possible by the New Horizons for Seniors Grant. See Eventbrite for full details.

PBRL Thursdays, Nov 7, 21, 28 & Dec 5, 9:30 am

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, Nov 19 & Dec 17, 7 pm

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Cooking Books 🍷

Level up your cooking chops, bake up a storm, and connect with others over the kitchen table in this hands-on book club program! A new cookbook theme will be discussed each month. Registration is \$5.

VMC Mondays, Nov 4 & Dec 2, 6:15 pm

Great Novels Book Club 📖

Join us as we read and discuss novels that explore our humanity and touch our souls. Join us in person or on Zoom!

BCRL Wednesday, Nov 27, 7 pm
Reader's Choice! Come talk about your favourite books of the year.

Mystery Book Club 🕵️

Have a passion for books that hook you from the first line? Join us to discuss a new mystery novel each month in person or on Zoom!

MHVL Wednesday, Nov 6, 7 pm
Before I Go to Sleep by S.J. Watson
Wednesday, Dec 4, 7 pm
Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

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 Tuesday, Nov 12, 7 pm
This Could Be Us by Kennedy Ryan
Tuesday, Dec 10, 7 pm
Three Holidays and a Wedding
by Uzma Jalaluddin

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, Nov 18, 7 pm
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
Monday, Dec 16, 7 pm
The Last Murder at the End of the World
by Stuart Turton

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. Join us in person or on Zoom!

CCRL Tuesday, Nov 5, 7 pm
How to Know a Person by David Brooks
Tuesday, Dec 3, 7 pm
The Indoctrinated Brain
by Michael Nehls

Join us in person or on Zoom!

Older 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.

FEBC Thursday, Nov 21, 2 pm

Creative Age: AI Portraits

Create a self-portrait in the style of an art masterwork using AI technology and crafty wordsmithing. Customers will be able to take home a print of their AI creations. This program is aimed at older adults, but all adults are welcome. Register on Eventbrite or call 905-653-7323.

BCRL Monday, Dec 9, 11 am–12 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! Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

CCRL Monday, Nov 25, 7 pm

VV Wednesday, Dec 4, 6:30 pm

Creative Age: Polaroid Project

Learn the art of the Polaroid Emulsion Lift technique and create one-of-a-kind headshots that tell your story. This program is aimed at older adults, but all adults are welcome. Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

PBRL Wednesday, Nov 20, 2 pm

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.

BCRL Sundays, Nov 3–24, 2 pm

Fall Prevention

Older adults and caregivers can learn to prevent dangerous falls. Presented by CHATS. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Dec 5, 2 pm

Keeping Connected

Spend quality time enjoying engaging activities, learning something new, and have fun at this monthly drop-in, in person program for older adults.

BCRL Wednesdays, Nov 13 & Dec 11, 11 am

CCRL Tuesdays, Nov 5 & Dec 3, 11 am

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PBRL Thursdays, Nov 7, 21, 28 & Dec 5, 9:30 am

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

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LIBRARY SERVICES

Cooking Connections

Build a stronger team with hands-on sessions in our gourmet teaching kitchen! Bring up to 20 people and choose from options like making sushi, pleating dumplings, and baking a host of cookies! For booking and workshop info, please email **librarian**. librarian@vaughan.ca with the subject line "Cooking Connections."

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, Nov 6–Dec 18, 6 pm
DC Thursdays, Nov 7–Dec 19, 4 pm
PBRL Thursdays, Nov 7–Dec 19, 5 pm
PL Nov 1–Dec 21, By Appointment

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, 10 am–4pm



HEALTH

Diabetes Information ^e

For Diabetes Awareness Month, Vaughan Community Health Centre Diabetes Educators will discuss diabetes prevention, managing your diabetes, and healthy eating. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Nov 21, 2 pm

Fall Prevention ^e

Older adults and caregivers can learn to prevent dangerous falls. Presented by CHATS. Join in person or on Zoom.

CCRL Thursday, Dec 5, 2 pm

Health 1-on-1 ^e

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

ZOOM Mondays, Nov 11 & Dec 9,
By appointment
Tuesday, Nov 26, By appointment

Managing Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease ^e

Learn about non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and how to manage it by eating healthier and exercising. In partnership with Vaughan Community Health Centre. Join us in person or on Zoom.

PBRL Friday, Nov 8, 1 pm

Study Hall

Need a place to study for exams? VPL's study hall is open late for post-secondary students who want to study alone or in small groups.

BCRL CCRL PBRL Nov 25–Dec 12
Monday – Thursday 9 pm–12 am
Friday 6 pm–12 am
Saturday & Sunday 5 pm–12 am

Visit the Therapy Dogs

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

BCRL Wednesday, Dec 11, 7 pm
CCRL Tuesday, Dec 10, 2 pm
Monday, Dec 16, 7 pm
MA Sundays, Nov 3, 17 & Dec 1, 2 pm
MHVL Monday, Nov 18, 12 pm
PBRL Thursday, Dec 5, 7 pm

Culinary Literacy



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 Sunday, Nov 24, 1 pm
Thursday, Dec 19, 11 am

Cooking Books

Level up your cooking chops, bake up a storm, and connect with others over the kitchen table in this hands-on book club program! A new cookbook theme will be discussed each month. Registration is \$5 on Eventbrite.

VMC Mondays, Nov 4 & Dec 2, 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 on Eventbrite.

VMC Tuesdays, Nov 12 & Dec 10, 10:30 am

Kitchen Traditions Series

Let's share kitchen traditions and stories! Learn from older adults in our community and make dishes that reflect our diversity, from one generation to the next.

VMC Tuesdays, Nov 5 & Dec 3, 10:30 am
Wednesdays, Nov 20 & Dec 18, 6:15 pm

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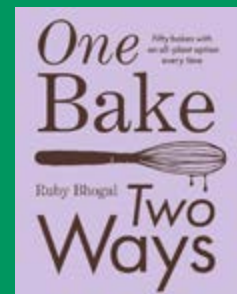
Simply West African
by Pierre Thiam

Book



Savory Baking
by Erin Jeanne
McDowell

Book



One Bake, Two Ways
by Ruby Bhogal

Book

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Mmm! Cookie Tin Series 🍪

The perfect gift! Get ready to learn how to make an assortment of cookies that taste as good as they look in this two-week workshop! Registration is \$14.

VMC Mondays, Dec 9 & 16, 6:15 pm

Plaisir en famille avec la poutine

Bilingual Poutine Family Fun 🇫🇷 🍪

Quoi de plus canadien que la poutine? Préparons des frites et garnissons-les d'une sauce savoureuse et de fromage en grains fondant qui fait skouik-skouik, tout en apprenant un peu de français en hommage aux origines québécoises de la poutine! \$7 par participant. Inscription sur Eventbrite.

What's more Canadian than poutine? Let's top off fries with gravy and squeaky cheese curds while learning French in a nod to poutine's Quebecois origins! Registration is \$7 on Eventbrite.

VMC Wednesday, Dec 4, 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 on Eventbrite.

VMC Wednesdays, Nov 13 & Dec 11, 6:15 pm

TikTok Cooking 🍪

Let's put some TikTok recipes to the test! Ranging from savoury to sweet, let's make ourselves some tasty treats! For grades 7-12. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, Nov 25, 6:15 pm

THE ANTIRACIST KITCHEN

Talking about racism can be as easy as baking a cake or frying plantains! Let's learn how with Nadia Hohn, author of *The Antiracist Kitchen*, and cook up something delicious.

VMC Library

VSES Teaching Kitchen

Wednesday, Nov 27, 6:30 pm

🍪 Register at vaughanpl.info/culinary



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by Nini Nguyen

Book



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Tuesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Closed at noon
Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas CLOSED
Thursday, Dec 26 Boxing Day CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec 31 New Year's Eve Closed at noon
Wednesday, Jan 1 New Year CLOSED

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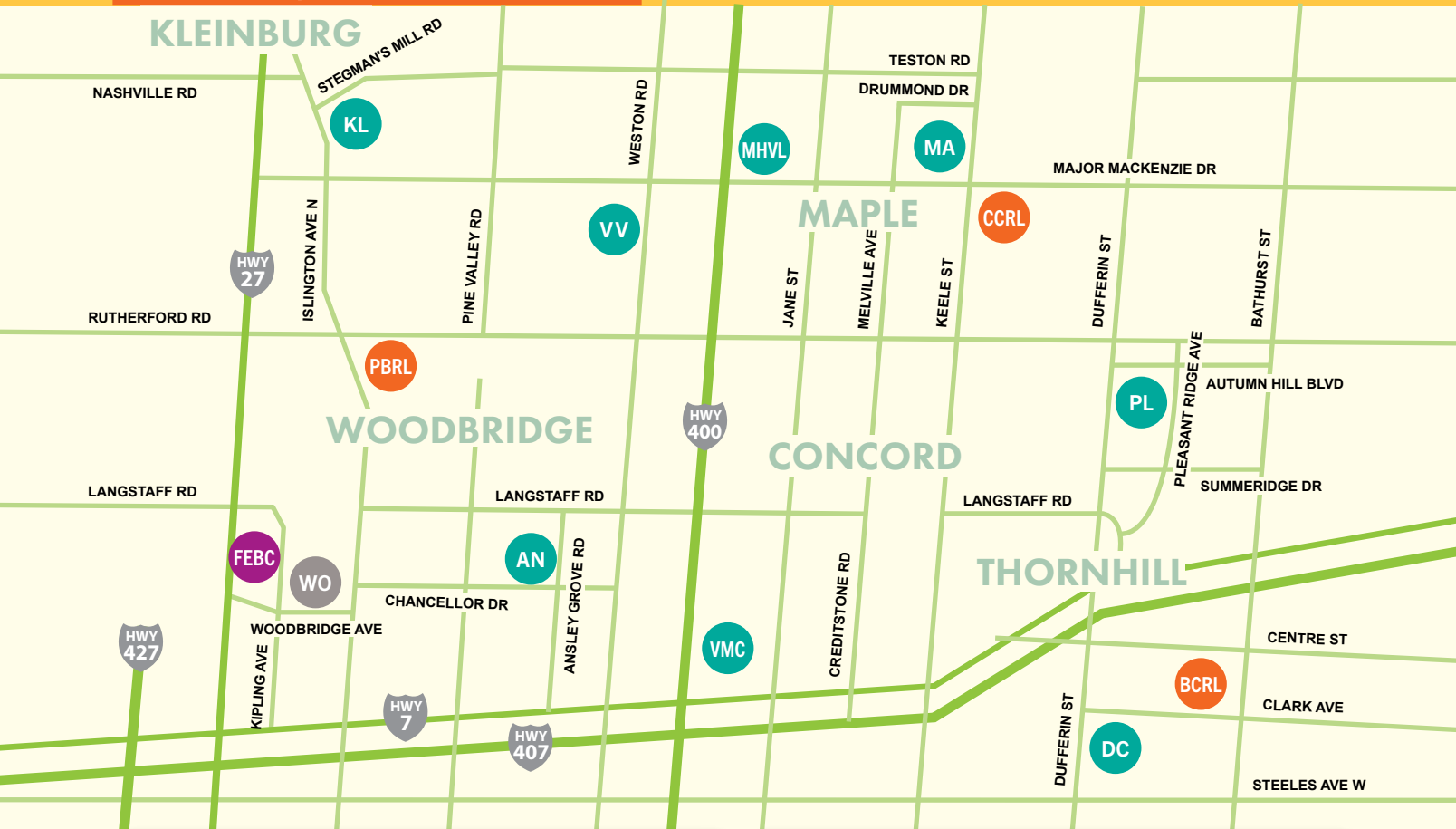
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Library Locations

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FEBC

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Sat & Sun 7:30am–3:30pm

BCRL

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900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 8C1

CCRL

CIVIC CENTRE RESOURCE LIBRARY

2191 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan L6A 4W2

PBRL

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4921 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge L4L 1A6

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

KL

KLEINBURG LIBRARY

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350 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge L4L 5C9

DC

DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY

1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill L4J 7R4

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MACKENZIE HEALTH VAUGHAN LIBRARY

3200 Major MacKenzie Drive West, Maple L6A 4Z3

MA

MAPLE LIBRARY

10190 Keele Street, Maple L6A 1G3

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PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

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VELLORE VILLAGE LIBRARY

1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge L4H 2Z7

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VMC LIBRARY & VMC EXPRESS

200 Apple Mill Rd, Vaughan L4K 0J8

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WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

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



Hindustani Music Performance

In celebration of Diwali, listen to the best of Hindustani classical music performed by Vidwan Vinayak Hegde, a music teacher, performer, and vocal expert.

Dufferin Clark Library
Saturday, November 9, 2 pm



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Children's Author Visit = Ruth Ohi =

Bestselling children's author Ruth Ohi showcases how to create a children's picture book from concept to illustration. We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library
Wednesday, Nov 13, 10:30 am



FAMILY ADVENTURE UNDER THE SEA

JOIN US FOR AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE! SEE MERMAIDS AND PIRATES FROM MERMAIDS MAKE WAVES AND EXPLORE HOW MAGICAL AND ESSENTIAL OUR WATERWAYS ARE!

VELLORE VILLAGE LIBRARY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2-4 PM



Jingle Bell Bash

Delight in the magic of Christmas! Jingle all the way with fun stories, songs, and festive activities!

See page 10 for times & locations

