

WHAT'S ON

Library fun
all year round!



Welcome



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Welcome to the first What's On of 2025! The new year is a time when many of us make resolutions and aim to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others. Whatever your goals, we're here to support you, and we hope that over the next twelve months, we'll be an excellent habit for your household!

If you are looking to show others you care this year, consider our Valentines for Vets initiative. Run by Veteran Affairs Canada, this program allows you to show your appreciation to current and past members of the armed forces and thank them for their service by writing them a Valentine card at your local library. This can kick off a full year of opportunities where you can give back to your community through VPL. You can always volunteer your time at several tutoring and mentoring opportunities, including Chess Club, Tech Training and ESL sessions. For a complete list of current positions, check out our volunteer page at vaughanpl.info/volunteer. We'll also be hosting several charitable drives throughout the year, so keep an eye out for them in the news section of upcoming issues of What's On.

If your aims for the year involve taking up a new hobby, or improving your skills, we have you covered! Our amazing collection can provide valuable information on any topic under the sun, while our programming provides insights into new topics and trends. So, how about you add a new resolution to your list? Discover something new at your library in 2025.

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Featured Services



THE LENDERY: NOW EVEN BIGGER!

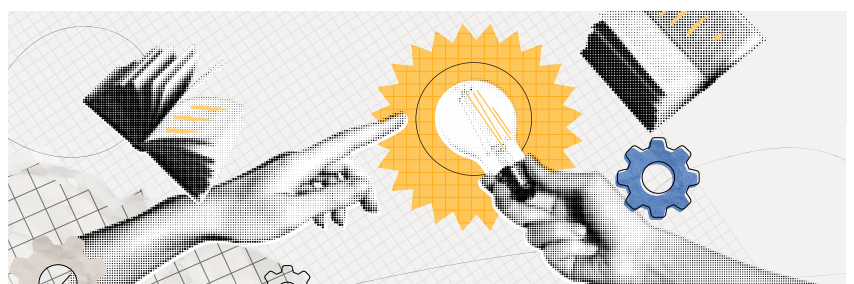
That's right, we've added even more items to our library of things at Pierre Berton Resource Library. Whether you are looking to try your hand at DIY, cook up a storm in the kitchen or relax with some sports, there's an item waiting for you.



WINTERFEST 2025

Join us for a winter-themed storytime, activities, and a scavenger hunt at Vellore Village Library on Sunday, February 2, 11 am–3 pm.

- 11 am Winter-themed storytime
- 12 pm –3 pm Scavenger hunt & Building activities



FREEDOM TO READ WEEK: FEB 23–MAR 1

Books help us understand each other and the world around us, but every year a number are the focus of efforts to remove them from library shelves. As part of celebrating Freedom to Read Week, you'll find some challenged titles throughout our magazine.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Nigerian Pepper Soup

Celebrate Black History Month in Ozoz Sokoh's New Nigerian Kitchen! Learn about Nigerian cooking and ingredients as we make Pepper Soup together! Registration is \$10.
VMC Sunday, Feb 16, 1 pm



Aging Well Club

In celebration of Black History Month, join us for a drum circle led by renowned musician Glenn Marais.

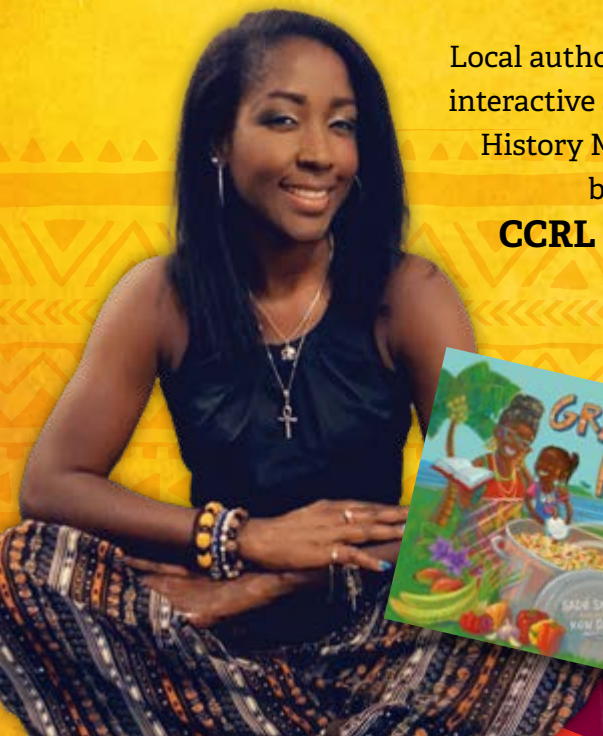
AN Thursday, Feb 20, 11 am



Author Visits

Local author Sadé Smith joins us for a lively, interactive storytime in celebration of Black History Month, as she reads her picture book, *Granny's Kitchen*.

CCRL Thursday, Feb 27, 10 am



MAKE IT!

LEARN IT!

CREATE IT!

3D Design for Kids

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

BCRL Monday, Jan 27, 7 pm

Coding Buddies

Want to learn to code? Team up with volunteer programmers and tackle some coding challenges using Scratch & CodeCombat! For grades 2–5.

VMC Mondays, Jan 6, 13 & 20, 7 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!

PBRL Monday, Feb 3, 7 pm

Food Styling & Photography

Learn how to make your food look just as delicious on camera as it does in reality! Registration is \$7.

CCRL Saturday, Feb 1, 1 pm

Hour of Code

Join the coding movement and take your first steps in coding. In just one hour, you will see how fun, creative, and accessible coding can be!

For grades 3–8.

BCRL Monday, Feb 24, 7 pm

Let's Build!

Love to build with lots of different things? Join us as we design and build unique structures with different types of building materials.

For grades 2–5.

CCRL Saturday, Feb 15, 2 pm

KL Sundays, Jan 12 & Feb 9, 2 pm

MA Saturday, Feb 22, 2 pm

Makey Mischief

Come make some mischief and learn about circuits with Makey Makey! Control a game with fruit, play a drawing of a piano, and more!

For grades 3+.

BCRL Saturday, Jan 11, 2 pm

Micro: Bits - Mini but Mighty

Micro:Bits are tiny, versatile computers that teach how hardware and software interact. Learn how they work and solve a programming challenge with us. For grades 3–8.

BCRL Sunday, Feb 23, 2 pm

Replicate It

Design an object in Tinkercad and have it printed on our 3D printer. Then go beyond the plastic and reproduce it in silicone by making a 3D-printed mould. For grades 5+. Registration is \$10.

BCRL Mondays, Jan 6 & 13, 7 pm

Rigamajig Engineering

Come use our Rigamajig building set to complete challenges that illustrate basic mechanical and engineering principles. For grades 3+.

BCRL Monday, Feb 3, 7 pm



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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.

CCRL Mondays, Feb 3, 10, 24 & Mar 3, 6:30 pm

Sphero Crash Course

Do you like robots? Drive, draw, and code our Sphero robots through an obstacle course of your making! For grades 5+.

BCRL Sunday, Jan 26, 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, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11 & 25, 7 pm

BCRL Tuesdays, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11 & 25, 2 pm

Tuesdays, Jan 21, Feb 4 & 18, 7 pm

MA Wednesdays, Jan 15, 29, Feb 12 & 26, 7 pm

VMC Wednesdays, Jan 15, 29, Feb 12 & 26, 7 pm

STEAM Workshops:

Design a 3D Medallion

Learn how to use Tinkercad! Each unique medallion design will be 3D printed and available for pick up from any library branch. For grades 4–7.

VV Monday, Feb 10, 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+.

DC Saturday, Jan 11, 2 pm

MHVL Saturday, Jan 18, 2 pm



Design Projects

3D Flower

Learn how to design, customize, and make a 3D-printed flower using Tinkercad software and our 3D printer! For grades 3–6.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 27, 6:30 pm

Create with Cricut

Come and learn how to use our Cricut machine and bring your hobby dreams to reality with our themed workshops. In this session we will use a Cricut Hat Press to apply our design on hats. One hat per registration. For adults and teens grade 9+.

Registration is \$5.

PBRL Thursday, Feb 6, 6:30 pm



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MAKE & TAKE Series



Custom Greeting Cards

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 Monday, Feb 10, 6:30 pm

Ink It Up!

Calling budding designers! Print your graphic in sublimation ink and see it emblazoned on a physical item. Winter is the perfect time for hot cocoa from a customized, dishwasher-safe mug. For grades 5–8. Registration is \$5. All materials provided.

BCRL Saturday, Feb 8, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, Jan 23, 6:30 pm

Lampe à lave

Lava Lamp Bilingual Workshop

Durant cet atelier bilingue, vous allez découvrir comment fabriquer une lampe à lave et ainsi explorer la densité de différents liquides. Pour les enfants de la 3^e à la 6^e année. 5\$ par participant.

During this bilingual workshop, you will find out how to make a lava lamp and learn about liquid densities. For grades 3–6. Registration is \$5.

BCRL Sunday, Feb 16, 2 pm

PBRL Monday, Jan 20, 7 pm



STEAM BIRTHDAY PARTY

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

STEAM CAMP

P.A. Day:

Out of This World!

Explore space with us this upcoming P.A. Day. Learn about space technology, constellations, and more! Registration is \$50. For grades 2-6.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Friday, Jan 31, 9 am-4pm

March Break

Enjoy a full week of STEAM fun this March Break. Explore themes like coding, science, and engineering with new activities each day! For grades 2-6. Registration is \$250.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Mar 10-14, 9 am-4pm

 Register at [MarchBreakCCRL.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-break-2025)

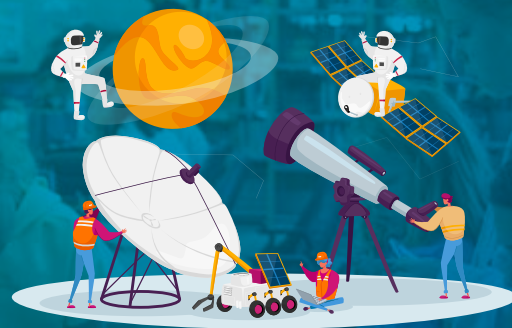
Winter Break

Hang out with us during your winter break for some STEAM fun! We've got awesome science-based activities and challenges! For grades 2-6. Please see our website for more details. Registration is \$50 per day.

Civic Centre Resource Library

Dec 23, 27, 30, Jan 2 & 3, 9 am-4pm

 Register at [WinterBreakCCRL.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/winter-break-2025)



P.A. DAYS AT VPL

Arctic Escape

We won't let winter stop the fun! Escape the cold weather by joining us for a day of arctic adventures, fun activities, cool vibes, and more.

All VPL Locations (except WO)

Friday, Jan 17, 10 am-4 pm

Kleinburg Library 2-4 pm

Évasion Tropicale Tropical Escape

Prenez vos chapeaux de soleil! Rejoignez-nous pour une journée remplie d'aventures et d'activités tropicales.

Grab your sun hats! Join us for a day of tropical adventures and activities.

All VPL Locations (except WO)

Friday, Jan 31, 10 am-4 pm

Kleinburg Library 2-4 pm

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.

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| 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 | |

Programs resume on Saturday, Jan 4
No programs on Monday, Feb 17

Baby Social

Drop in and meet other parents and babies in your community! We will feature a new topic every session along with activities, singing, free play, and occasional guest speakers. For ages 0–12 months with a parent or caregiver.

VMC Wednesdays, Jan 29 & Feb 26, 10:45 am

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.

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| BCRL Mondays, Jan 13 & Feb 10, 10 am |
| CCRL Saturdays, Jan 25 & Feb 22, 2 pm |
| PBRL Thursdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13, 10 am |

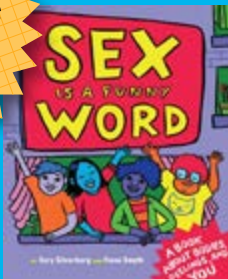
שעת סיפור בעברית / Hebrew Storytime

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.

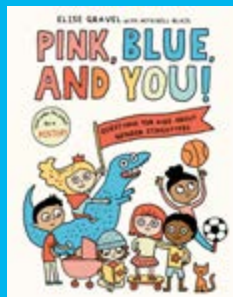
BCRL Wednesdays, Jan 15 & Feb 19, 5:30 pm

Freedom to Read Reading List



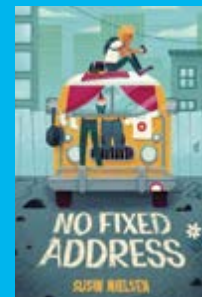
Sex Is a Funny Word
by Cory Silverberg

Book



Pink, Blue, and You!
by Elise Gravel

Book



No Fixed Address
by Susin Nielsen

Book

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 Monday, Jan 20, 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 Sundays, 10 am PBRL Wednesdays &

CCRL Fridays, 10 am Saturdays, 10 am

DC Tuesdays, 10 am PL Thursdays, 10 am

KL Thursdays, 10 am VV Thursdays, 10 am

Programs resume on Saturday, Jan 4.

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, 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, Jan 7 & Feb 4, 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, 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 Mondays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 10 am

Sing and Sign

Songs and games for everyday routines will be used to introduce American Sign Language to hearing infants in support of their language development. In partnership with EarlyON.

BCRL Fridays, Feb 7–28, 10 am

MA Mondays, Jan 6–Feb 24, 1:30 pm

No program Monday, Feb 17.

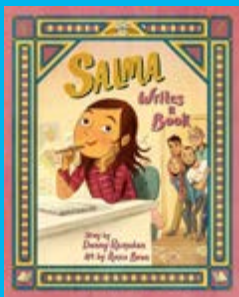
Hora de cuentos / Spanish Storytime

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.

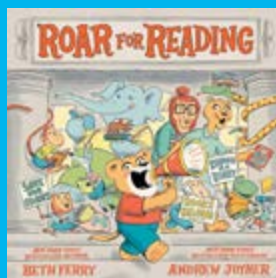
VV Wednesdays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 10 am

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Salma Writes a Book
by Ahmad Danny Ramadan

Book



Roar for Reading
by Beth Ferry

Book



The Mystery of the Painted Fan
by Linda Trinh

Book

Families & Children



Author Visit

Local author Sadé Smith joins us for a lively, interactive storytime in celebration of Black History Month, as she reads her picture book, *Granny's Kitchen*.

CCRL Thursday, Feb 27, 10 am

Bullet Journaling for Tweens

A bullet journaling introduction where tweens will learn tools to stay organized while expressing creativity. Layouts emphasizing reading will be shared, such as creating a reading log or book tracker. If you already have a bullet journal, feel free to bring your own! Paper and writing materials will be provided.

DC Saturday, Feb 8, 2 pm

Celebrate Tamil Heritage Month

Celebrate Tamil Heritage month with traditional dance and martial arts, and a book reading by local author Sriranjani Vijenthira. Presented in partnership with Vaughan Tamils' Heritage and Cultural Organization.

CCRL Sunday, Jan 12, 1 pm

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!

MA Thursdays, 6:30 pm

VMC Thursdays, Jan 9, 23, Feb 6 & 20, 6:30 pm

VV Saturdays, Jan 18–Feb 22, 1 pm

FEBC Wednesday, Feb 5, 7 pm

Escape the Library

The clock is ticking. Test your wits by solving puzzles and clues to make your escape from the library. For grades 4–8.

PBRL Thursday, Feb 13, 6:30 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 Tuesday, Jan 28, 6 pm

Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer

Tuesday, Feb 25, 6 pm

Speechless by Jennifer Mook-Sang

PL Thursday, Jan 30, 7 pm

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Thursday, Feb 27, 7 pm

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

VV Monday, Jan 6, 7 pm

Stargazing by Jen Wang

Monday, Feb 3, 7 pm

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée



Family Day Fun

Explore our resources and enjoy some family-friendly entertainment with a whimsical puppet show performed by Mike Harding from Applefun Puppetry. Recommended for grades JK–4.

MA Monday, Feb 17, 12 pm

PL Monday, Feb 17, 10 am

VV Monday, Feb 17, 2:30 pm



Lunar New Year Celebration

Join our Lunar New Year celebration with activities including Chinese lantern making and Korean holiday decorations.

PL Saturday, Feb 8, 10:30 am

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 Mondays, Jan 27, Feb 3 & 10, 6:30 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, Jan 25 & Feb 22, 2 pm

FEBC Wednesdays, Jan 8 & Feb 12, 7 pm

Puppet Show Fun

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

AN Friday, Jan 31, 2 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 19 & 26, 6:30 pm

MA Tuesdays, Feb 4–April 29, 6 pm

PL Wednesdays, Feb 19–May 14, 5 pm

VV Thursdays, Feb 27–May 8, 6 pm

No program on March 10–13.

Sensory Storytime

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

BCRL Fridays, Jan 24 & Feb 21, 2 pm

CCRL Sundays, Jan 5 & Feb 2, 10 am

PBRL Sundays, Jan 19 & Feb 16, 11 am

Stories and Scribbles

Join us for stories, songs, and early literacy based writing activities, designed for scribblers aged JK–grade 1.

CCRL Sunday, Feb 9, 10 am

PBRL Saturday, Jan 18, 2 pm

VMC Saturday, Feb 1, 2 pm



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, Jan 17 & Feb 21, 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, 7 pm

CCRL Wednesdays, 7 pm

PBRL Wednesdays, Feb 5–26, 6:30 pm

VV Tuesday, Feb 25, 6 pm

No program Jan 2 & 3.

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, Jan 9, 7 pm

 **More French programs on page 6 & 8!**

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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.

BCRL Wednesday, Jan 15, 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.

DC Saturday, Jan 18, 9:30 am

Budget Bites for Teens ☺

Join our guest Alicia Koebel and learn to cook delicious meals that are easy to adapt, freeze well, and are just as delicious reheated! Be sure to come hungry! Recommended for grade 9+. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, Jan 13, 6:15 pm

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, 2:45 pm

Club de débat / French Debate Club ☺

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.

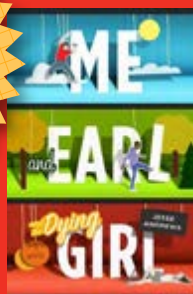
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Create with Generative AI ☺

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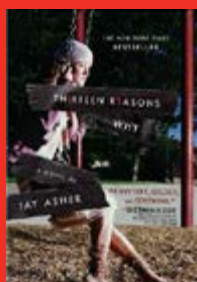
PBRL Monday, Feb 3, 7 pm

Freedom to Read Reading List



Me and Earl and the Dying Girl
by Jesse Andrews

Book & ebook



Thirteen Reasons Why
by Jay Asher

Book



Growing Up Trans
A collection

Book

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, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8 & 22, 2 pm

PL Tuesdays, Feb 4–25, 6 pm

VMC Tuesdays, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11 & 25, 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 8–10.

CCRL Thursdays, Jan 16, 23 & 30, 7 pm

PBRL Tuesdays, Feb 4–25, 7 pm

High School Study Hall

Need a place to study for exams? VPL's study hall is open late for high students who want to study alone or in small groups. Valid high school identification is needed for entry.

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Tuesday Jan 21–Thursday, Jan 23, 9 pm–11 pm

Sunday, Jan 26, 5 pm–11 pm

Monday, Jan 27–Tuesday, Jan 28, 9 pm–11 pm

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 valentines for veterans.

BCRL Thursday, Feb 6, 6 pm

MHVL Sunday, Feb 2, 1 pm

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! For grades 9–12. Drop in or register on Eventbrite to join us on Zoom!

CCRL Saturday, Feb 8, 1 pm

Study & Chill

Switch up your study environment and enjoy relaxing vibes at the library. Meet up with friends and enjoy a refreshing beverage (on us)! For grades 9–12.

AN Wednesday, Jan 22, 3 pm

BCRL Wednesday, Jan 22, 6:30 pm

CCRL Monday, Jan 20, 5 pm

DC Wednesday, Jan 15, 3:30 pm

MA Monday, Jan 20, 2:30 pm

PBRL Wednesday, Jan 22, 6:30 pm

PL Tuesday, Jan 21, 3 pm

VV Wednesday, Jan 22, 2:30 pm

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, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 2:45 pm

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Loveless

by Alice Oseman

Book, ebook
& audiobook



The Hate U Give

by Angie Thomas

Book, ebook & audiobook



The Marrow Thieves

by Cherie Dimaline

Book & ebook

Adult



Advanced RRSP/RRIF Tax Optimization and Estate Planning Strategies

This presentation reviews the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) fundamentals and important tax optimization strategies to consider as you save for retirement. Join in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Wednesday, Feb 5, 7 pm

Become a Foster Parent

Curious about fostering? This information session will cover the needs, process, and joys of fostering a child. Presented by Children's Aid Society.

CCRL Monday, Jan 13, 7 pm

Big Book Sale

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

CCRL Saturday, Jan 4 & Sunday, Jan 5, 9 am–5 pm

Cooking with Grief

Connect with others as we discuss death, dying, and grief, all while making lunch together. Discussions will be guided by Hospice Vaughan.

VMC Thursday, Feb 13, 11 am

Cercle de discussion

/ French Meetup for Adults  

Venez pratiquer votre français en bonne compagnie! À travers ce programme, vous apprendrez du français intéressant en plus de pratiquer avec les autres participants.

Practice your French in good company! Through this program, you will learn useful and exciting French as well as practice with other learners.

ZOOM Wednesdays, Jan 8–Feb 26, 7 pm

Interview Bootcamp

A two-part program to learn essential interview skills, effective preparation strategies, and how to unleash your full potential for successful interviews.

CCRL Mondays, Jan 20 & 27, 2:30 pm



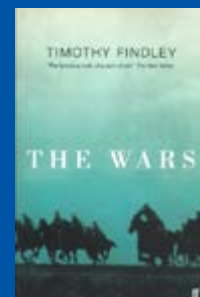
The Diviners
by Margaret Laurence

Book



**Essex County. Vol. 1,
Tales From the Farm**
by Jeff Lemire

Book



The Wars
by Timothy Findley

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, Jan 8, 7 pm

Brand Upon the Brain

Wednesday, Feb 12, 7 pm

A Letter to Momo

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament!

Join us for an exciting puzzle tournament with 300 pieces! Up to eight teams of three will race against the clock to complete their puzzles within two hours.

DC Saturday, Feb 22, 2 pm

MA Saturday, Feb 1, 1:30 pm

PBRL Sunday, Jan 26 & Feb 23, 12 pm

Let's Go to the Movies

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

DC Mondays, 1:30 pm

No program Feb 17.

Modest Income Benefits & Credits


This Canada Revenue Agency presentation highlights benefits and credits, tax filing methods, and the importance of keeping your personal information updated.

VMC Tuesday, Feb 11, 2 pm

Scholars' Hub @ Home

In partnership with York University, the Scholars' Hub @ Home speaker series features discussions on a broad range of topics, with engaging lectures from some of York's best minds. Registration and more details on York University's website.

ZOOM Wednesdays, Jan 8–Feb 26, 12 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

Unwind & Design

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

AN Thursday, Jan 23, 6:30 pm

CCRL Sunday, Jan 19, 2 pm

VMC Thursdays, Jan 16 & Feb 13, 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, Jan 21 & Feb 18, 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! Please contact LSP at LSP@ccsy.org for registration and information.

ZOOM Thursdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13, 7 pm

ESL Café

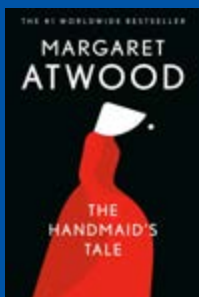
Newcomers and ESL learners can meet to practice their English in an informal environment with adult volunteers. Please contact cel@ccsy.org or **289-317-3745** for registration and information.

VMC Tuesdays, 6:30 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 Tuesdays, Jan 7, 21, Feb 4 & 18, 1:30 pm



The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood

Book

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.

**In celebration of Black History Month, join us on Feb 20 for a drum circle led by renowned musician Glenn Marais.*

AN Thursdays, Jan 16, 2pm
Feb 20*, 11 am

CCRL Tuesday, Jan 28 & Feb 25, 10 am

中文长者健康活动 / Aging Well in Chinese

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, Jan 14 & Feb 11, 10:30 am

All About Natural Burial

The Natural Burial Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization, independent of the funeral industry. Learn about what natural burial is, where it is available, and the obstacles being tackled.

CCRL Tuesday, Feb 25, 7 pm

Âge créatif : Cercle de tambours et de percussions Bilingual Creative Age: Drum & Percussion Circle

Rejoignez notre cercle de tambours et de percussions pour un moment de plaisir et convivialité. Aucune expérience n'est nécessaire! Le matériel est fourni ou apportez le vôtre. Destiné aux aînés, mais tous les adultes sont les bienvenus! Inscription sur Eventbrite ou en appelant le 905-653-7323.

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.

BCRL Sunday, Feb 9, 2 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.

CCRL Tuesday, Feb 4, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, Feb 27, 2 pm

Creative Age: Geometric Constructions

Learn to layer simple geometric forms to produce beautiful patterns. Basic techniques produce beautiful, complex images.

PBRL Thursday, Jan 30, 2 pm

Creative Age: Music Circle

Let's find joy in music. Join us as we listen to and sing along with some familiar hits of the decades. Song sheets provided. Facilitated by Briana Gregoris, Music Therapist, Expressive Arts, at Mackenzie Health.

BCRL Wednesday, Feb 12, 2 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.

BCRL Sunday, Jan 19, 2 pm

CCRL Tuesday, Jan 14, 5 pm

MA Tuesday, Feb 11, 2 pm

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, Jan 9, Feb 6, 20 & 27, 9:30 am

All adults are welcome to join the Creative Age programs!
Register on Eventbrite or by calling 905-653-7323.

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com

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, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 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, Jan 29, 7 pm

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Wednesday, Feb 26, 7 pm

In the Upper Country by Thomas Kai

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, Jan 22, 7 pm

One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware

Wednesday, Feb 19, 7 pm

The Sicilian Inheritance by Jo Piazza

Join us in person or on Zoom!

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, Jan 14, 7 pm

How to End a Love Story by Yulin Kuang

Tuesday, Feb 11, 7 pm

A Love Song for Ricki Wilde by Tia Williams

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, Jan 13, 7 pm

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Monday, Feb 10, 7 pm

A Master of Djinn by P. Djèlí Clark

The Human Touch Book Club ☺

Join us as we discuss a variety of popular fiction and non-fiction titles, from current affairs to hot topics, and explore what it means to be human.

CCRL Tuesday, Jan 7, 7 pm

Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast

by John Valliant

Tuesday, Feb 4, 7 pm

Black Boys Like Me: Confrontations with Race, Identity and Belonging by Matthew R. Morris

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."

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 Monday, Feb 3, 4 pm

MA Tuesday, Jan 14, 10 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, 6 pm

PBRL Thursdays, 5 pm

PL By Appointment

Sensory Room

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

BCRL Fridays, Jan 10–Feb 28, 10 am–4 pm

Visit the Therapy Dogs

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

BCRL Tuesday, Jan 21, 7 pm

CCRL Monday, Jan 27, 7 pm

DC Wednesday, Jan 15, 7 pm

MA Sundays, Jan 12, 26, Feb 9 & 23, 2 pm

PBRL Thursday, Jan 23, 11 am

VV Wednesday, Jan 22, 12 pm

BCRL Bathurst Clark Resource Library | **CCRL** Civic Centre Resource Library
DC Dufferin Clark Library | **MA** Maple Library | **PL** Pleasant Ridge Library
PBRL Pierre Berton Resource Library | **VV** Vellore Village Library

Caregiving Essentials

For anyone new to caregiving, learn about the emotional impact of caregiving, potential challenges that may arise, and sources of support along the journey. Presented by the Ontario Caregiver Organization.

ZOOM Thursday, Feb 13, 7 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 Mondays, Jan 13 & Feb 10, By Appointment
Tuesdays, Jan 28 & Feb 25, By Appointment**

Healthy Eating on a Budget

Learn how to meet nutrition goals while on a budget, with possible health challenges in mind. In partnership with Vaughan Community Health Centre.

ZOOM Thursday, Jan 16, 6:30 pm

Raising Confident Children

Positive parenting can help your child with confidence and success at school and beyond. Discover ways to encourage effective communication and independent problem solving. Presented by EarlyON. Join in person or on Zoom.

BCRL Wednesday, Feb 19, 6:30 pm

Seasonal Affective Disorder

Learn how to identify the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder, and gain tools and techniques for managing the mental health impact of this common condition. Presented by Canadian Mental Health Association – York Region.

ZOOM Monday, Jan 20, 7 pm

Understanding Eating Disorders

Do you suspect your child may have an eating disorder? Join Boomerang Health powered by SickKids to learn the basics and debunk common myths about this important topic.

ZOOM Monday, Feb 3, 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, Jan 19, 1 pm

Budget Bites for Teens 🍷

Join our guest Alicia Koebel and learn to cook delicious meals that are easy to adapt, freeze well, and are just as delicious reheated! Be sure to come hungry! Recommended for grade 9+. Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, Jan 13, 6:15 pm

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, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 6:15 pm

Cooking with Diabetes 🍷

Learn about cooking with diabetes, high blood pressure, and cholesterol with Vaughan Community Health Centre as we cook up delicious lunches together week to week! Registration is \$12.

VMC Thursdays, Jan 16, 23 & 30, 11 am

Cooking with Grief 🍷

Connect with others as we discuss death, dying, and grief, all while making lunch together. Discussions will be guided by Hospice Vaughan.

VMC Thursday, Feb 13, 11 am

Food Styling & Photography 🍷

Learn how to make your food look just as delicious on camera as it does in reality! Registration is \$7.

CCRL Saturday, Feb 1, 1 pm

OUR PICKS FOR U



Brilliant Bites
by Maegan Brown

Book & ebook



100 Afternoon Sweets
by Sarah Kieffer

Book



Everyday Comfort
by Katie Pix

Book

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, Jan 7 & Feb 4, 10:30 am

Kitchen STEAM: Chocolate

Make a handmade chocolate treat for yourself or as a gift! For grades 4–12. Registration is \$5.

VMC Wednesday, Feb 5, 6:15 pm

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 Wednesdays, Jan 15 & Feb 12, 6:15 pm
Tuesdays, Jan 28 & Feb 25, 10:30 am

Nigerian Pepper Soup

Celebrate Black History Month in Ozoz Sokoh's New Nigerian Kitchen! Learn about Nigerian cooking and ingredients as we make Pepper Soup together! Registration is \$10.

VMC Sunday, Feb 16, 1 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.

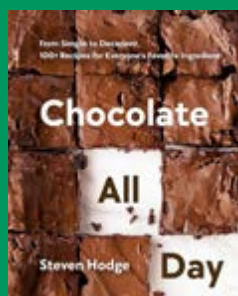
VMC Wednesdays, Jan 22 & Feb 19, 6:15 pm

Valentine's Day Sweets

Whether you're celebrating Valentine's, Galentine's, Palentine's, or you've just got a sweet tooth, let's make apple cider caramels together! Registration is \$5.

VMC Monday, Feb 10, 6:15 pm

 Please pre-register at vaughanpubliclibraries.eventbrite.com



Chocolate All Day
by Steven Hodge

Book



Ramadan & Food

Let's learn about Ramadan as the Muslim Women of Vaughan teach us how to make chicken puff pastry and a chicken biryani! Registration is \$5.

VMC Library
VSES Teaching Kitchen
Saturday, Feb 15, 10 am

 RamadanAndFood.eventbrite.ca



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*Select locations open for Family Day activities

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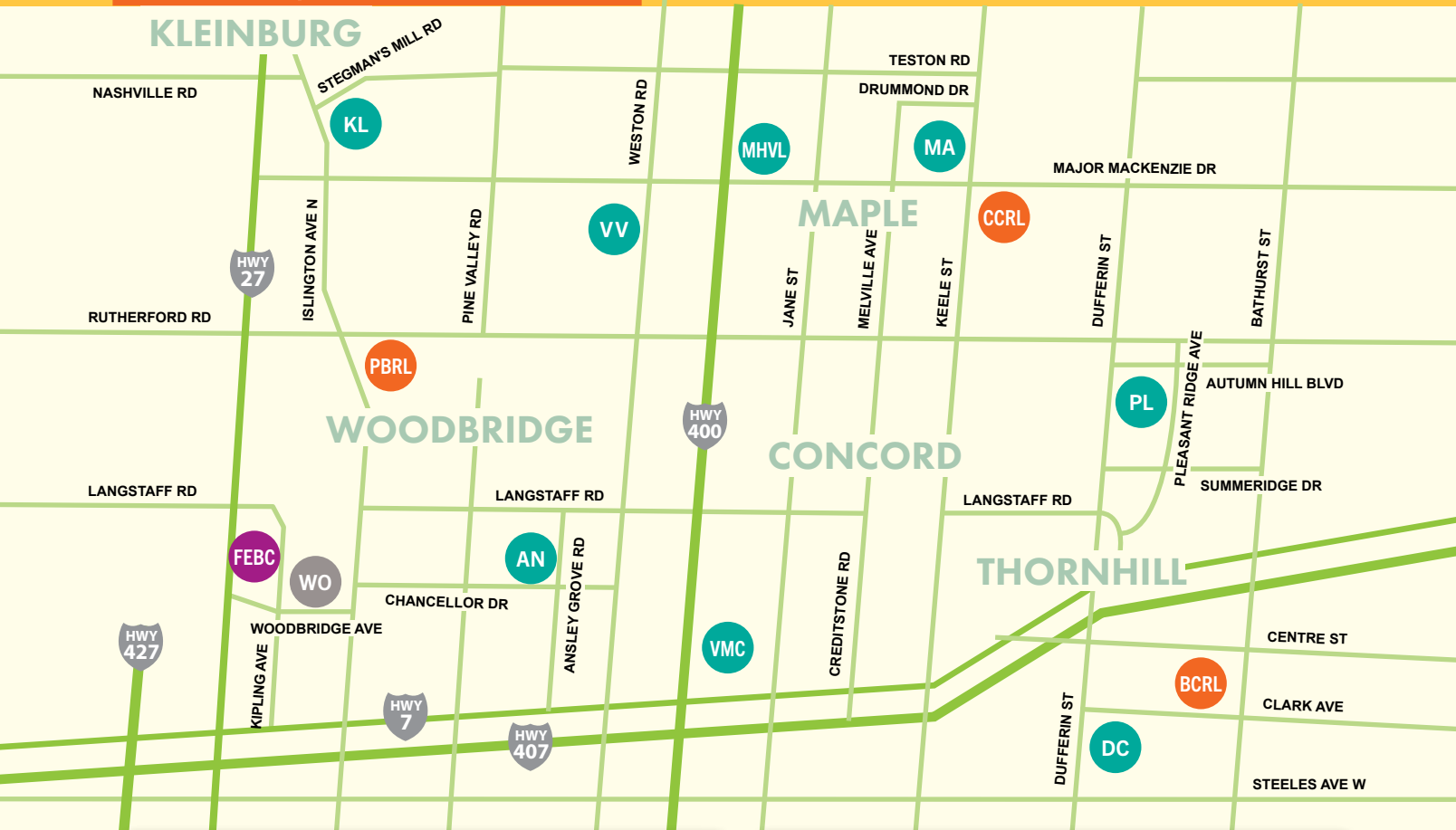
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300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Thornhill L4J 9B3

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1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge L4H 2Z7

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Sat & Sun 9am–5pm

Celebrate Tamil Heritage Month

Celebrate Tamil Heritage month with traditional dance and martial arts, and a book reading by local author Sriranjani Vijenthira. Presented in partnership with Vaughan Tamils' Heritage and Cultural Organization.

Civic Centre Library Sunday, January 12, 1 pm

Register at [TamilHeritageVPL.eventbrite.ca](https://www.tamilheritagevpl.eventbrite.ca)



LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Come meet our local authors at one of VPL's monthly local author showcases. It may ignite unexpected but unforgettable literary sparks!

Bathurst Clark Resource Library Saturday, January 25, 2 pm

Civic Centre Resource Library Sunday, February 23, 2 pm



FAMILY LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

Explore many ways to make literacy learning fun for the whole family! Featuring special guest Jill Javelosa-Alvarez, Early Learning Specialist.

Civic Centre Resource Library Sunday, Jan 26, 1 pm

